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GLOOM WITH THEIR HYMNS OF
LOFTY CHEER"

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PREFACE

In nearly every branch of the Christian church there is a growing desire to make the service of worship more suitable and effective. It need not be more formal, but it may well be more beautiful and attractive. The order in which the different parts of these services are arranged proceeds from Aspiration to Adoration and Praise; from Praise to Prayer, from Prayer to Reflection, culminating in Inspiration and Consecration. There should be in the service a nobility of expression and a fitness of phrase which satisfy mind and heart, for, as has been well said, " the worship of the church should represent the very ideal of thought and feeling and language."

Because of this increasing appreciation of the importance of elevating and enriching the service of worship, the National Council of Congregational Churches has for several years had a Commission on Worship, and has authorized it to publish the results of its studies and labors. Those who have served on this Commission are as follows: Rev. Charles H. Richards, Chairman; Rev. Lucius H. Thayer; Dean Edward I. Bosworth; Prof. John W. Buckham; Prof. Waldo S. Pratt; Rev. Harry P. Dewey; Prof. Henry Hallam Tweedy; Rev. Charles H. Cutler, and President W. Douglas Mackenzie.

The services here presented cover nearly all the customary occasions of church worship. Many of them are already in use. They repre-

sent the progress that has been made from the barren and meager services of former days to the rich and satisfying order now in increasing use.

The use of these services is, of course, entirely optional. It may be that some churches may wish to adopt this as their Book of Worship, the use of which will not abridge their freedom, but may make the services of the sanctuary more uplifting. Such churches should make sure that every member of the congregation is supplied with the book, so that all the people may participate in the common worship. Others may find the book suggestive, and may be assisted by it in preparing their own orders of service.

We hope that pastors may find the book helpful both in the study and in the pulpit. If it shall assist them in their preparation for public prayer, or in the varied ministrations in which they engage, we shall be very grateful. As a Pastor's Handbook it may be welcome to many. They may familiarize themselves with it so thoroughly that they can use it with freedom and accuracy.

We have had constantly in mind, also, the needs of the smaller churches, so many of which are often pastorless. The critical time between pastorates in such churches, often lasting several months, is one of great peril. A closed church means serious loss. Doubtless a chief reason for the slow growth, for the decline and death, of many of the small churches is the interruption of their regular services and work. With the aid of such a book as this a layman or a laywoman, in the absence of a pastor, may conduct a service

that will be helpful and inspiring, without the loss of a single Sunday. The sermon and the singing may easily be provided. Those who have the care of our home missionary churches may thus find a solution for one of their serious problems.

To the orders of service there is added a collection of prayers suitable for various occasions, drawn from many sources, ancient and modern. They are adapted for use in the church and in the home. The wealth of devotional material furnished in the service books of churches in the old world and the new, and in such manuals as that of John Hunter and others, which have been freely and gratefully drawn upon, cannot fail to be of great value to all devout spirits. While we urge freedom in prayer, the spontaneous outpouring of the soul to God in one's own words as the occasion may prompt, we are confident that these prayers from the hearts of Christian leaders of the ages voice universal needs, and may well be used in both public and private worship.

We hope that this book may be used in the home as a guide and help in Family Prayer. The petitions grouped under various topics are pathways of approach to God by which the entire household may draw near to him.

If this book shall help to make the service of worship in the churches more attractive, dignified, effective, and reverent, and promote the participation of all the people in the service, it will have served its purpose.

It seems not unfitting that this service book, published upon the tercentenary of the coming of the Pilgrim Fathers to Plymouth, should be

dedicated to their memory. For while the enrichment of the forms of worship, which it registers and seeks to promote, is not in literal accord with their ideas, its chief purpose is to deepen and extend that spirit of reverent worship which sustained them in their great and holy enterprise.

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

¶*One or more of the following passages may be used:*

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.
Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Let the people praise thee, O Lord: let all the people praise thee.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: show forth his salvation from day to day.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.
O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens.

The Call to Worship

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord. In the morning will I direct my prayers unto thee, and will look up.
I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore; for great is thy mercy toward me.

For Evening Worship

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord.
Let our prayers be set forth as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.
Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust. Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High; to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

The day goeth away, and the shadows of evening are stretched out.
But it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light.
God is light and in him is no darkness at all.
Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord is everlasting strength.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

¶*One or more of the following may be used:*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Freely ye have received, freely give.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

He giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth not.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give. Not grudgingly, nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

He that giveth, let him do it with liberality: he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not high-minded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is life indeed.

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP

¶ *The parts marked with an asterisk (*) are optional and may be omitted.*

ORGAN PRELUDE.
* OPENING OR PROCESSIONAL HYMN.
CALL TO WORSHIP.
HYMN OF ASPIRATION OR PRAISE.
¶ *Congregation standing.*
INVOCATION *closing with*
THE LORD'S PRAYER.
¶ *Congregation seated with bowed heads.*
HYMN OR CHANT OF PRAISE.
¶ *Congregation standing till after the "Gloria."*
RESPONSIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE.
* BEATITUDES, COMMANDMENTS, or CREED if desired.
GLORIA PATRI OR GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.
¶ *Congregation standing.*
SCRIPTURE LESSON.
* ANTHEM.
* SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON.
CHOIR OR ORGAN RESPONSE.
PASTORAL PRAYER.
BRIEF ORGAN RESPONSE.
OFFERTORY.
HYMN.
¶ *Congregation standing.*
SERMON.
HYMN.
¶ *Congregation standing.*
PRAYER *followed by*
THE BENEDICTION.
¶ *Congregation seated with bowed heads.*
ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR MORNING SERVICE

I

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.

OPENING HYMN.

¶ *Congregation standing and singing.*

¶ *This may be a Processional Hymn if desired.*

¶ *One of the following or other appropriate hymns may be used:*

" God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand."
" Lift up your head, rejoice."
" Jerusalem the golden."
" Rejoice, ye pure in heart."

¶ *The congregation still standing let the minister give*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

¶ *Then let the congregation join in singing*

A HYMN OF ASPIRATION OR PRAISE

¶ *One or two stanzas of the following or other appropriate hymns may be used:*

" Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty."
" Praise God from whom all blessings flow."
" Love divine, all love excelling."
" Nearer, my God, to thee."

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated with bowed heads while the minister leads them in*

THE INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister may, if he desires, use the following prayer or one of similar spirit:*

Almighty God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who pourest out upon all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw

nigh unto thee, from coldness of heart, and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then let the minister and all the people unite in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and sing*

A HYMN OR CHANT OF PRAISE

¶ *The Venite, Jubilate Deo, Te Deum Laudamus, or other hymn of praise may be used.*

¶ *Then let the minister and people unite in*

THE RESPONSIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE.

¶ *After the Responsive Reading let all sing*

THE GLORIA PATRI OR GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

¶ *Then let the people be seated, and let the minister read*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *After this Scripture Lesson may be sung*

AN ANTHEM

¶ *Then while the congregation is seated, with bowed heads, let the minister lead them in*

THE GENERAL PRAYER.

¶ *The minister on behalf of the people will express their Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication and Communion, remembering the special needs of his congregation and the community, and the great interests of the Kingdom of God on earth.*

¶ *He may use, at his discretion, any appropriate prayers in this book.*

¶ *After the prayer there may be*

A BRIEF ORGAN RESPONSE.

After this the morning offering may be received.

[1] Common Prayer.

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *The minister may announce this with an appropriate Scripture passage.*

¶ *When the offerings are brought back the minister may receive them with a brief prayer; or the congregation may rise and sing,*

¶ " All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

¶ *Then let all the people sing*

A HYMN

¶ *Then the minister may preach*

THE SERMON.

¶ *After the sermon let the congregation stand and sing*

A HYMN.

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in*

THE CLOSING PRAYER.

¶ *Followed by*

THE BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *Let the congregation still remain with bowed heads for a moment or two of silent prayer.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR MORNING SERVICE

II

Fuller Form

¶ *Parts marked with an asterisk (*) are optional and may be omitted if desired.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.

* A PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

¶ *Let the minister and congregation stand as the choir enters, and all join in the hymn.*

¶ *The congregation still standing, let the minister in one or more of the following passages give*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

Let the people praise thee, O Lord; let all the people praise thee.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.
Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: show forth his salvation from day to day.

¶ *Then let the whole congregation join in singing*

A HYMN OF ASPIRATION OR PRAISE.

¶ *One or two stanzas of the following or other appropriate hymns may be used:*

"Come, thou Almighty King."
"Our God, our help in ages past."
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty."
"Safely through another week."
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister, in his own words, or, if he prefers, using one of the following prayers, leads them in*

THE INVOCATION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit: that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Here and after every prayer the people should say,* Amen.

Or this

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast made the Church thy dwelling-place, and hast taught us in thy word not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together; regard us in thy mercy, we beseech thee, who meet this day in thy holy place. Manifest thyself unto us, and bless us, that our worship may prepare us both to serve thee now and to glorify thee in thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

Or this

O God, our heavenly Father, who hast given us the gracious gift of this hour of worship, help us to use it aright, that from it may come to us peace and power, together with the furthering of thine eternal kingdom of truth and love. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

[1] Gregorian Sacramentary, A. D. 590.

[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.

be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Or this

We lift up our eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth. As we gather in thy presence, our Father, so graciously meet us, so abundantly bless us, so restore unto us the joy of thy salvation, that this may be indeed a gate of heaven. And if any sound of trouble, if any remembrance of care, if any foreboding of evil have come upon us, remove these things far from us, and grant us thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this

O Almighty God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication; deliver us, when we draw nigh unto thee, from coldness of heart and wandering of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affection we may worship thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then shall the minister and all the people unite in·*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but de-

[1] Common Prayer.

liver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and sing*

A HYMN OR CHANT OF PRAISE.

¶ *The Venite, Jubilate Deo, Te Deum Laudamus, or other hymn of praise may be used.*

¶ *Then let the minister and congregation unite in*

THE RESPONSIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE.

* ¶ *Then may the congregation, led by the minister, recite in unison one of the following:*

* THE BEATITUDES.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Or this

* THE COMMANDMENTS (shorter form).

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.
Honor thy father and thy mother.
Thou shalt not kill.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house . . . nor anything that is thy neighbor's.
Remember also what our Lord Jesus Christ said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Or this

* THE WAY OF PEACE.

Let us put on, therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long suffering: forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a complaint against any: even as the Lord forgave us, so let us forgive. And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness; and let the peace of God rule in our hearts; for to this also are we called in one body. And let us show ourselves thankful. And let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, in all wisdom. And whatsoever we do, in word or in deed, let

us do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him; and may the God of peace himself give us peace, at all times, in all ways. The Lord be with us all. (Col. iii.)

Or this

* THE CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this

* THE DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love;

And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore;

And in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *After the Responsive Reading, or the unison recital, when used, let all the congregation sing*

THE GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. *Amen.*

Or this

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

[1] National Council, Statement of Faith, 1913.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated.*

¶ *Then let the minister read*

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *After this Scripture Lesson, let the choir, or choir and congregation, when convenient, sing*

AN ANTHEM.

¶ *This may follow the General Prayer if desired.*

¶ *Then may the minister read*

* THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *This Scripture lesson may be followed by*

* A BRIEF CHOIR OR ORGAN RESPONSE.

¶ *Then while the congregation is seated, with bowed heads, let the minister lead them in*

THE GENERAL PRAYER.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the strength of the weak, the rest of the weary, the comfort of the sorrowful, and the saviour of the sinful, hear us thy penitent children, as we pray for thy help in our weakness and need. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive

ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Hear us, O God, as together we acknowledge our transgressions.

¶ *Here let all the congregation unite with the minister in*

THE CONFESSION.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*[1]

Or this

Most holy and merciful Father, we thy wayward children do make humble confession of our shortcomings and our sin. All we like sheep have gone astray and have turned every one to his own way. We have lived too much to ourselves and not unto thee. We have not loved our brother as we ought, nor faithfully followed our Master in unselfish service. But wilt thou pardon all our offenses. Create within us a clean

[1] Common Prayer.

heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. May we go on our way with gladness assured of thy compassion; and forgetting the things which are behind, may we reach forth unto those things which are before; pressing toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the minister say*

O God, giver of all good, and fountain of all mercies, in whom are the springs of our life, all glory, thanks and praise be unto thee for thine unfailing goodness. Hear us, we pray, as we lift up together our thanksgiving.

¶ *Here let all the congregation unite with the minister in*

THE THANKSGIVING.

Amighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness, and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom

with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then may follow a Pastoral Prayer by the minister, in which Adoration, Supplication and Intercession may be offered, remembering the special needs of the people, the country, and the world.*

A BRIEF ORGAN RESPONSE, *in simple chords, may follow the prayer.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *if there are any to be made.*

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *The minister may say,* Let us worship God with our offering for his service.

¶ *The minister may repeat one or more of these or other appropriate passages of Scripture.*

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them, for this is the law and the prophets.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.

But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

¶ *While the offering is being gathered the choir may sing an appropriate selection. When the offering is presented the minister may receive it with a brief prayer, in his own words, or using one of the following, the officers who have*

[1] Common Prayer.

gathered it standing, and the congregation sitting with bowed heads.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, we beseech thee to accept this offering of thy people. Remember in thy love those who brought it, and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and good-will among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or this

Heavenly Giver, freely we have received, help us freely to give; may the spirit of love hallow all our gifts and make them fruitful in extending the reign of truth and love in human hearts and lives. *Amen.*

Or this

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, prosper every good work undertaken by thy church according to thy will, and give unto all of us thy servants the spirit of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and whose joy it was to do thy will in helping men. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and all sing*

A HYMN.

THE SERMON.

¶ *After the sermon let the congregation stand and all sing*

A HYMN.

¶ *This may be a recessional, if desired.*

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in*

THE CLOSING PRAYER.

¶ *The minister may use his own form of words or one of the following:*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

Or this

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

Or this

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowl-

[1] Gelasian Sacramentary, A. D. 494.
[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.

edge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*[1]

THE BENEDICTION.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

Or this

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Or this

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *The choir may, if it be desired, chant the* "AMEN."

¶ *The Congregation should remain kneeling or with bowed heads, for a moment of silent prayer, after the service is concluded.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.

[1] A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

AN ORDER FOR A VESPER SERVICE

I

ORGAN PRELUDE.

¶ *Let the congregation stand and sing the*

PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide."
"The radiant morn hath passed away."
"The day is gently sinking to a close."

¶ *Then let the minister read one or more of the following sentences, or others at his discretion.*

Thoughts of peace, saith the Lord, do I think toward you: ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken to you: ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with your whole heart.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together; for with him is the fountain of life, and in his light shall we see light.

The day goeth away, and the shadows of evening are stretched out; and it shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and

they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¶ *Then let the minister and people use the following responses.*

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

People. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. **It is meet and right so to do.**

Minister. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, Most High. Amen.**

¶ *Then let the minister say:*

Dearly beloved brethren, the heavenly Father is always more ready to hear than we to pray: nor does anything hide him from us but the veil of our impure and earthly mind. And since the preparation of even the willing heart is not without him, let us inwardly pray for the grace of a humble and holy spirit: that for a little while we may be alone with him; and, as his beloved Son went up into the mountain to pray, so we may rise above the haste and press of life, and commune with him in spirit and in truth.

¶ *Then let the minister lead the people in prayer, using the following, or some other prayer, as seemeth fit:*

O God, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion: still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. Where but in thee have we a covert from the storm, or shadow from the heat of life? In our manifold temptations, thou alone knowest and art ever nigh: in sorrow, thy pity revives the fainting soul: in our prosperity and ease it is thy Spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us low. O thou sole source of peace and righteousness! take now the veil from every heart; and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints, who have trusted in thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy

tender mercy hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then let the Lord's Prayer be said by the people with the minister.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let all the people sing*

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Softly now the light of day."
"Again as evening's shadow falls."
"The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended."

¶ *After the hymn let the minister and people read, alternately, the*

RESPONSIVE READING.

¶ *Then let all the people sing the*

GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may the minister read the*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

¶ *After that may be sung the*

ANTHEM.

[1] James Martineau.

¶ *Then may be read the*

*SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

¶ *After that may be sung the*

*SECOND ANTHEM

or

A RESPONSE BY CHOIR OR ORGAN

¶ *Then may follow the*

EVENING PRAYER

Minister. The Lord be with you.
People. **And with thy spirit.**
Minister. Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
People. **And grant us thy salvation.**
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
People. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
Minister. Save thy people, O Lord, and bless thine inheritance:
People. **Govern them and lift them up forever.**
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord:
People. **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
People. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us:**
Minister. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world.
People. **Grant us thy peace. Amen.**

¶ *Then may follow further prayer, at the discretion of the minister. And let all employ this season in making their requests known to Almighty God.*

* *Optional, and may be omitted at the discretion of the minister.*

¶ *Then may follow*

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *After the offertory let all sing*

A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

¶ *Here may follow*

THE SERMON.

¶ *Then may be sung by the choir or congregation the*

EVENING HYMN OF DEVOTION.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear."
"Lead, kindly light, amid th' encircling gloom."
"The day is past and gone."
"Now the day is over."

¶ *After a few moments of silent prayer, let the minister conclude the Vesper Service with*

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace, at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR A VESPER (OR EVENING) SERVICE

II

THE PERSONAL PRAYER.

¶ *On entering the church, the worshiper with bowed head may say:*

O God, may I so submit myself to thy wise and loving direction that in this hour of worship I shall miss no good thou hast ready for my soul. May I devoutly listen to thy message of grace and utter my need to thy listening ear. Guide me to a better life and thus bring me at last to my eternal home.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.

¶ *Let the minister and congregation rise as the choir enters and all join in the*

INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *This may be a Processional Hymn if desired.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Day is dying in the West."
"The sun is sinking fast."
"The shadows of the evening hours."

¶ *Then let the minister give*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister. Thoughts of peace, saith the Lord, do I think toward you: ye shall go and pray unto me and I will hearken unto you; ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with your whole heart.

The hour cometh and now is when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for such doth the Father seek to be His worshipers.

People. **God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.**

¶ *Then let the people, still standing, read responsively with the minister*

THE CONFESSION OF DEPENDENCE:

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy
shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor
the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time forth, and
even for evermore.

¶ *Then may follow*

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear."
"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine."
"Now God be with us, for the night is closing."

¶ *Then let the people be seated with bowed heads and join responsively with the minister in*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Have mercy on me, O God,
According to thy loving kindness.
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.
Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done that which was evil in thy sight.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

¶ *Then let the minister give*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

¶ *Then let the people rise and join with the minister in*

THE CONFESSION OF THE LAW:

Minister. The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

¶ *The minister and the congregation in unison:*

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.
IV. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.
V. Honor thy father and thy mother.
VI. Thou shalt not kill.
VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
X. Thou shalt not covet.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; this is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Minister. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

¶ *Then let the minister and congregation unite in*

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH.

Minister. Lord, increase our faith.

¶ *The Minister and the Congregation in unison:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the

third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated.*

¶ *Then let the minister say:*

Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me. O Lord, open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE ANTHEM OF PRAISE

¶ *By the choir or a hymn of praise by all. Appropriate hymns are:*

"O come, O come, Emmanuel!"
"Crown Him with many crowns."
"Fairest Lord Jesus."
"Rejoice, rejoice, believers."

¶ *Then let the minister offer*

THE VESPER PRAYERS.

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *Here may be sung if desired*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM.

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE SCRIPTURE AND THE SERMON.

¶ *Then let the minister give*

THE DECLARATION OF PEACE.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is; and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will bless us.

¶ *Then let the people rise, and all join in*

THE CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise."
"Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace."
"Immortal Love, forever full."
"O mother dear, Jerusalem."

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister gives*

THE ASCRIPTION.

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality; dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see; unto him be honor and power everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the people tarry for a moment of silent prayer.*

¶ *Then may follow the*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

A CHORAL VESPER SERVICE

THE PRELUDE OF ORGAN MUSIC.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshipers.

The day declineth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out; but it shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light. With thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light.

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and sing the*

HYMN

Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if thou be near;
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes!

Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without thee I cannot live:
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without thee I dare not die.

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated with bowed heads while the minister leads in*

THE INVOCATION.

¶ *He may use his own words, or if he prefers, the following:*

Father of Light, sun of the soul, when the shadows of twilight fall and darkness ends the

day, our thoughts turn to thee who dwellest where night never comes. If we have lost our way in doubt, so that we despair of thee, may the light that lighteth every man shine the clearer within us now, and in thy light may we see light. If we have turned aside to try the ways of darkness and death, yet leave us not, but lead us back by the kindly lights of home, till in thy flame our sins are consumed and in the light of thy countenance we rest in peace. As stars come out when the sun goes down and voices are heard in the silence which were drowned in the noise of the day, so let us be silent now until thy presence grows more real and we find both doubt and desire but heralds of thy drawing nigh. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let all unite in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

A VESPER HYMN OF PRAYER.

¶ *Then let the congregation, still seated, sing in the spirit of prayer:*

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet! I do not ask to see
The distant scene — one step enough for me.

¶ *Then let the minister and people responsively make*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my thoughts;
And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.
Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with thee
That thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters,
As the eyes of a maid unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes look unto the Lord our God,
Until he have mercy upon us.

CHOIR. — Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

THE ASSURANCE OF FAITH.

¶ *Then let the congregation stand until after the Gloria Patri, and join in the unison recital.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good;
For his loving kindness endureth forever.

¶ *The Congregation uniting in the prayer*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the

Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI.

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated.*

THE TRIBUTE OF PRAISE.

Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me. O Lord, open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Then may be used one or more of the following:*

CHORUS.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES.

SOLO, QUARTET, OR CHORUS.

THE VESPER PRAYERS — The Minister and the Choir.

THE OFFERTORY — Solo, Quartet, or Chorus.

THE RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING — (*The congregation standing.*)

¶ *Let the choir and congregation stand and sing*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. *Amen.*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used if desired:*

"Master, no offering."
"Lord, Thou hast taught our hearts to glow."
"Souls of men, why will ye scatter."

¶ *Then may follow*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON AND ADDRESS.

¶ *Then let the people stand and sing the*

CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used if desired:*

"Now the day is over."
"The sun is sinking fast."
"God that madest earth and heaven."

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated with bowed heads.*

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION — The Minister and the Choir.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Choir — Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir — Amen.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Choir — The Sevenfold Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR AN EVENING SERVICE

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

¶ *The congregation shall rise and join responsively with the minister in*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

Minister. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

People. **Abide with us, O Lord, for it is evening,**
And the day is far spent.

Minister. Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense,
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

People. **O come, let us worship and bow down,**
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister, in his own words, or, if he prefers, using one of the following prayers, leads them in*

THE INVOCATION.

Almighty God, Lord of Peace and Giver of Rest; grant unto us at eventide as well as at noonday the light of thy countenance, that we may see thy truth and our duty and so behold thy glory, that we may grow into thy likeness. May we feel thee to be

near, and know thee to be good, and that thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Lifting our hearts together, may we find thee in our seeking, and with thee all that is best and most abiding. *Amen.*[1]

Or this

Our Father who art in heaven, in the quiet of this evening hour we have crossed the threshold of eternal things to worship thee who seest in secret. And since the preparations of even the willing heart are not without thee, we pray for the grace of a humble and holy spirit; that for a little while we may be alone with thee, and as thy well-beloved Son went up into the mountains to pray, so we may rise above the haste and press of life, and commune with thee in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*[2]

Or this

Lord of the evening hour, who hast often met with us at close of day, be our refuge now from the noise of the world and the care of our own spirits. Grant us thy peace. Let not the darkness of our ignorance and folly, of our sorrow and sin, hide thee from us. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let thy word abide with us until it has wrought thy holy will. Quicken and refresh our hearts, renew and increase our strength, so that we may grow into the likeness of thy faithful children, and by our worship at this time be enabled better to

[1] John Hunter.

[2] Charles A. Dinsmore.

serve thee in our daily life, in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and sing the*

HYMN OF INVOCATION.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart."
"O God, the Rock of Ages."
"In the hour of trial."

¶ *Then let the minister read*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *Then may follow*

THE ANTHEM.

¶ *Then let the minister lead the people in*

THE PRAYER, *using the following prayer, or some other prayer at his discretion.*

We beseech thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, folk of many families and nations, gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of thy patience. Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer — with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavors against evil, suffer us a while longer to endure, and if it may be, help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends, be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our Sun and comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with

[1] Oscar E. Maurer.

morning hearts — eager to labor — eager to be happy if happiness shall be our portion — and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *After the prayer there may be a*

CHOIR RESPONSE.

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *An offertory anthem may be sung, if desired.*

¶ *Then let all the people sing*

THE HYMN OF ASPIRATION.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind."
"O Love that wilt not let me go."
"The King of love my shepherd is."

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE SERMON

¶ *After the sermon let all the people sing*

A HYMN OF CONSECRATION.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"O Jesus, I have promised."
"Love divine, all love excelling."
"Saviour, thy dying love."

¶ *Then let the minister lead the people in*

THE CLOSING PRAYER.

Sustain us through all the day long of this mortal life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and life's fever is over, and our work is done. Then, O Lord, grant us a

[1] R. L. Stevenson.

safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

A SERVICE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OR RECOGNITION OF A CHURCH

¶ *When a new church has been duly organized by the adoption of a Creed, Covenant and By-Laws, the members uniting by letters from other churches or on confession of their faith, and when officers have been duly elected, a Council may be called to review their proceedings, assist in completing the organization, and by formal recognition welcome it into the fellowship of the sister churches. When the Council has given its approval, a public service of recognition may be held, and the following order observed:*

ORGAN PRELUDE.

INTRODUCTORY OR PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used if desired:*

"Glorious things of thee are spoken."
"The Church's one foundation."
"I love thy kingdom, Lord."
"Crown Him with many crowns."

¶ *Then may there be*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE.

Ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

He gave Christ to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it with the washing of water with the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. It is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth: and through the church is made known the manifold wisdom of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow*

THE INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or, if he wishes, the following:*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast established the church for the ministry of reconciliation, that it may so proclaim and illustrate the gospel that men may be won to love and trust thee, pour out thy blessing upon this young church which we receive into our fellowship. May the great Head of the Church illumine it with his truth and energize it with his spirit. Defend it from error and strife, and clothe its officers and members with the grace of Christ. May it work with glad accord with all other churches for the salvation of men and the redemption

of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow, by the Scribe of the Council, the*

READING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

¶ *Then shall the Moderator (and all the people if convenient) repeat the*

DECLARATION OF THE COMMON FAITH.

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love;

And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore;

And in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for

the triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then may the Moderator receive those who have not previously been church members on*

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

¶ *See "Order for Reception of Members."*

¶ *He shall baptize such as have not before been baptized.*

¶ *Then may the Moderator ask those who unite with the new church by letter to give their assent to the*

CHURCH COVENANT.

¶ *See "Order for Reception of Members."*

¶ *Then may the Moderator declare the church duly constituted, and he may give to it the*

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

¶ *Then may the Moderator, or another minister, lead the people in*

PRAYER, *closing with*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*all uniting*).

¶ *Then may all join in singing a*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Blest be the tie that binds."
"One holy church of God appears."
"Let saints on earth in concert sing."
"Saviour, thy dying love."

¶ *Then may be given the*

SERMON OR ADDRESS.

¶ *After the sermon may be observed*

THE COMMUNION.

¶ *Part of the "Communion Service" may be used.*

[1] Adopted by the National Council of Congregational Churches, October 25, 1913.

¶ *After the Communion may be sung the*

CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"My faith looks up to thee."
"Beneath the cross of Jesus."
"For all the saints who from their labors rest."
"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

¶ *Then, while the people are seated with bowed heads, may follow the*

PRAYER and

BENEDICTION.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

AN ORDER FOR THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF A CHURCH BUILDING

¶ *The people being assembled at the place where the church is to be built, let all join in the*

OPENING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" Come, thou Almighty King."
" O worship the King all glorious above."
" All hail the power of Jesus' name."

¶ *Then let the minister read the following Scripture sentences:*

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

The Lord hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it. Fear not, nor be dismayed; for the Lord God, even my God, is with thee. He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord be finished.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone of sure foundation.

According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Ye are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Then may the people sing a

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired.*

"The Church's one Foundation."
"Christ is our Corner-stone."
"Founded on Thee, our only Lord."

¶ *Then shall the minister lead the people in*

THE PRAYER.

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, who hast put it into the hearts of thy people to erect here a temple of worship to thee, grant unto us thy blessing at this hour, and may this corner-stone, here planted in thy name, be the foundation of a true home for thy children.

May the building to be erected here be to us in very truth our Father's House; our Children's Home; a Resting Place for the stranger on his way; a Temple of prayer and praise, of thought and of song; a Sanctuary of peace; a place of loving human fellowship and noble Christian service. May it stand for the perpetuation of our faith, for the preservation of the spirit of devotion and for the education of the common conscience.

Bless those whose offerings enable us to build this house. Graciously guard and direct those who labor in erecting it, shielding them from accident and peril. Grant to us all thy heavenly grace, that we may be built up in soul and body into living temples of God, and bring us all into thy glory to be pillars in thine eternal temple, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the laying of the corner-stone. The box containing the documents and articles to be preserved having been placed in the cavity prepared for it, the stone shall be brought into position, and the minister, assisted by the builders, shall fit it into its place, and then striking the stone three times with the trowel, he shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we lay this corner-stone of the house to be erected here, to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, to the spread of the gospel of Christ, and to the service of humanity. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be given*

THE ADDRESS OR ADDRESSES.

¶ *After the address, if desired, an offering may be made for the Building Fund.*

¶ *Then may be sung*

THE CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."
"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord."
"Fling out the banner, let it float."

¶ *Then may the service be concluded with*

THE BENEDICTION.

Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Or this

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

ORGAN PRELUDE.

PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *The congregation standing.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"The Church's one Foundation."
"Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory."
"God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

¶ *Then let all the congregation join in singing*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.

¶ *One of the following may be used if desired:*

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."
"Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him."
"Our God, our help in ages past."

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated with bowed heads while the minister, in his own words, or, if he prefers, using the following prayer, leads them in*

THE INVOCATION.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less this house which we have built; yet

who delightest in the assembling of thy people in the sanctuary, and hast promised to bless them there; look with thy loving favor upon us this day, and accept as thine own this temple of worship which thy children would consecrate to thy service. Cause thy face to shine upon us here, and make this place to all who gather here the very house of God and the gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the minister and all the people unite in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and with the minister unite in*

THE RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 24):

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For He hath founded it upon the seas
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord

And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the company of them that seek Him,
That seek Thy face, O God of Israel.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

¶ *Then let all the people sing*

THE GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation, still standing, and led by the minister, unite in the recital of*

THE CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this

THE DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love;

And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore;

And in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God; and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, and the choir may sing*

THE ANTHEM.

¶ *The Te Deum Laudamus, Venite, Cantate, or other suitable anthem may be sung.*

¶ *Then let the minister read*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Appropriate selections are, Psalm 84; 1 Chron. 29 : 11–18; 2 Chron. 6 : 18–31, 41, 42; 2 Chron. 5 : 13, 14; 1 Cor. 3 : 9–17; Eph. 2 : 19–22; Rev. 21 : 1–5, 22–27.

¶ *Then let all the people unite in*

A HYMN OF PRAISE

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" I love thy kingdom, Lord."
" Thou whose unmeasured temple stands."
" Crown Him with many crowns."
" One holy church of God appears."

¶ *Then may follow*

THE SERMON.

¶ *Then may follow*

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *Before the people give their thank-offering for the completion of the sanctuary, the minister, or one of the officers of the church, may present a statement of the cost of the building and its equipment.*

¶ *After the offertory the minister may lead the people in*

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION.

¶ *The people standing and all joining in the Responses.*

Minister. To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house;

To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour;

To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and life;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For worship in prayer and song;
For the ministry of the Word;
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For comfort to those who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For help in right living;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For the sanctification of the family;
For the guidance of childhood;
For the salvation of men;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For aggression against evil;
For fostering patriotism;
For promoting civic righteousness;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For sympathy and fellowship with the needy;
For brotherhood with all men;
For the essential unity of all believers in Jesus Christ;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For the building of character;
For the giving of hope and courage to all human hearts;
For the teaching of morality, temperance and justice;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. For missionary endeavor at home and abroad;
For world-wide evangelism and edu-

cation, till all the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ;

For the reform of social wrongs, till all human society is transformed into a kingdom of heaven;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister. In grateful remembrance of all who have loved and served this church; with hearts tender for those who have fared forth from the earthly habitations; a free-will offering of thanksgiving and praise;

People. **We dedicate this house.**

Minister and People. **We, now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, remembering the sacrifices of the fathers, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worthy worship of God in this place and to the constant service of God in the Christian service of men.**

¶ *Then shall be said, or sung, by the minister and all the people together, one or two verses of*

THE HYMN: "Glorious things of thee are spoken."

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

¶ *The minister may use his own form of words; or, if preferred, may use one or more of the following:*

Almighty and Everlasting God, who inhabitest eternity and dwellest not in temples made with hands, yet who dost manifest thyself to thy people in the sanctuary, accept, we pray thee, the offering of this house which we have built to the glory of thy Holy Name. We have set it apart as a temple of worship, where thy praises shall be devoutly sung; where the prayers of thy people shall be made unto thee continually; where thy holy gospel shall be preached; and where the sacraments of thy church shall be observed. May we worship thee here in spirit and in truth; and may the glory of the Lord fill this house. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, grant us thy presence within these walls, we beseech thee. Unless thou art with us we have built in vain. May thy spirit enable us here to do the work of thy kingdom, in loyal discipleship to thy Son, Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve. Give unto us a quickening faith and sympathy with all that is noble and true. Broaden our vision and our interests, enlarge our hearts, until we shall give ourselves in helpful ministry to all who sin and suffer, all who are weary and heavy laden, all who hope and pray. Deliver us from bitterness and strife, from pride and boasting, from narrowness of creed and selfishness of life, so that all who truly love Christ and desire to follow Him may find a home and a place for service with us. Inspire us with lofty ideals, and help us to learn the great lesson of life from Him who

came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Help us here to be co-laborers with thee, working with tireless zeal for the triumph of thy kingdom on earth, so that at last the whole wide world shall be none other but the house of God, and the gate of heaven. *Amen.*[1]

Almighty God, Fountain of wisdom, goodness and love, we ask for this church the consecration of thy presence and spirit. May all thy children be ever welcome here. Hither may the little ones love to come, and here may young men and maidens be strengthened for the battle of life. Here may the strong renew their power, and hither may age turn its footsteps to find the peace of God and light at eventide. Here may the poor and needy find friends. Here may the tempted find succor, the sorrowing find comfort, and the bereaved catch the vision of their loved ones in the eternal home. Here may those who doubt have their better hopes confirmed. Here may the careless be awakened to their folly and sin, and be brought to timely repentance. Here may thy faithful people make manifest the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, and may this house be the place where thine honor dwelleth, and the whole earth be filled with thy glory. *Amen.*[2]

DEDICATION HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

[1] John Doane.
[2] John Hunter.

"A mighty Fortress is our God."
"O Master, let me walk with Thee."
"Faith of our fathers, living still."
"O God, beneath thy guiding hand."
"O where are kings and empires now."

¶ *Then let the people be seated with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in*

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND

THE BENEDICTION.

Now may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE DEDICATION OF AN ORGAN

ORGAN PRELUDE.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" Andante Religioso " . . . . . *Parker*
" Sonata in A Minor " . . . . . *Borowski*
" Prelude in E Flat " . . . . . *Lemmens*

INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" Jerusalem, the golden."
" Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory."
" Rejoice, ye pure in heart."
" Round the Lord in glory seated."

¶ *Then let the minister give*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

Praise ye the Lord! Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

¶ *While the congregation is seated, with bowed heads, let the minister lead in*

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

¶ *The Minister may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast made manifest thy purpose of love toward us by countless blessings, and who hast crowned them with the unspeakable gift of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; kindle in our

souls the spirit of praise and thanksgiving at the remembrance of thy goodness. We thank thee for the beauty of the world, and for the voices of melody that lift our hearts to thee. Grant that the songs of praise we here render may thrill us with the consciousness that we are one with those who serve thee day and night in thy temple on high, and fit us more and more for that joyous and eternal fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER — *All uniting.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the choir render*

AN ANTHEM OF PRAISE.

¶ *The Te Deum or Jubilate Deo would be appropriate, or one of the following anthems may be used, if desired:*

" Praise ye the Lord " . . . . . *Strattner*
" The Lord is my rock " . . . . . *Woodman*
" Land of Hope and Glory " . . . . . *Elgar*
" How beautiful upon the mountains " . . *Galbraith*

¶ *Then let the minister and people unite in the*

RESPONSIVE READING.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:
Praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels:
Praise ye him, all his hosts.
Praise ye him, Sun and Moon:
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens:
And ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord:
For he commanded, and they were created.
Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
Praise him with stringed instruments, and organs.
Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord:
Praise ye the Lord.

And I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying:
Alleluia! salvation, and glory, and honor, and power unto the Lord our God.
And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying:
Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
And I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne: and the number of them

was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.

And every creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying:

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then let all the people sing the*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow*

THE OFFERTORY.

¶ *While the offerings are being gathered, suitable music may be rendered on the organ. Some of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Andante" ..... *Dickinson*
"Festival March in F" ..... *Foote*
"Reverie" ..... *Dethier*
"Symphony No. 6" ..... *Widor*

¶ *Then may the congregation stand and sing a*

HYMN OF PRAISE.

¶ *One of the following may be used:*

"Hark! hark! the organ loudly peals."
"God's trumpet wakes the slumbering world."
"Angel voices, ever singing."
"Hark! the herald angels sing."

¶ *Then may follow*

THE ADDRESS.

¶ *Then may the congregation stand and unite with the minister in the*

DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN.

To the glory of God the Father, to the service of Christ and his church, to the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit,

We dedicate this organ.

For the ministry of music to the soul; for inspiration to praise and prayer through heart-touching melodies and majestic harmonies; for leadership of the great congregation in sacred song,

We dedicate this organ.

For the awakening of the spirit of devotion; for the soothing of troubled hearts in anxiety; for the giving of cheer to the downcast and of comfort to the sorrowing; and for the kindling of courage and of high and holy purpose in those who hear it,

We dedicate this organ.

For humbling of the heart in awe before the eternal mysteries; for the thrilling of the soul with joy by the message of infinite love; for the exaltation of the soul in rapture before the promised victory of life triumphant,

We dedicate this organ.

For the interpretation of the message of the great Masters of music; for making the gospel story more vivid and effective by its many voices; for the development of faith and the ennobling of life,

We dedicate this organ.

¶ *Then let the minister lead the people in*

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

¶ *He may use his own words, or the following:*

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast made the heart of man to respond to the touch of thy spirit as a harp to the hand of a Master, give to us the vision of thy glory as we worship thee. As the morning stars sang together at the creation, and all the myriad voices of nature lift a chorus of praise unto thee, so may our hearts be attuned to adore thee. May this instrument of music which we here dedicate to thy service contribute to the happiness and welfare of thy children. May its melodious tones cheer the hearts of those who gather in thy holy temple. When little ones are brought here for consecration to thee, and when men and women here enlist as followers of Christ, may its benediction fall sweetly upon them. When marriage vows are spoken here in the brightness of life's morning, or when in the sadness of farewell we pay the last tribute to our sainted loved ones, may its deep-toned message bring a blessing to the spirit. So may this organ give strength to our lives, and help forward the triumph of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the congregation stand and sing*

THE CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"God, the Lord, a King remaineth."
"Hark, hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling."
"Sing to the Lord a joyful song."
"My country 'tis of thee."

Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister gives the

BENEDICTION.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

¶ *Then may the choir chant*

THE SEVENFOLD AMEN.

¶ *Then may the service be concluded, with the*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" Postlude in B Flat " . . . . . *West*
" Toccata and Fugue in D Minor " . . . . . *Bach*
" Hallelujah Chorus " . . . . . *Handel*

AN ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A PARISH HOUSE

¶ *When in addition to the House of Worship a building has been erected by the church for a Parish House for its varied needs and for community service, it is fitting that it should be dedicated to God as a means of ministering to the spiritual welfare and social betterment of the community.*

¶ *The Church and Sunday school having assembled in the Parish Building, the following order of service may be used:*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE.

INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory."
"Songs of praise the angels sang."
"Rejoice, ye pure in heart."
"Forward be our watchword."

INVOCATION.

¶ *The pastor may use his own words, or if he prefers may use the following:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who dost look upon the whole family of man as thy children, and dost desire to have each one clothed with the beauty and strength of thy Son, Jesus Christ, let thy blessing rest upon us as we consecrate this building to the service of humanity in the name of our Master. May we glorify thee by making human life more glorious here. May old and young, rich and poor, meet here in happy fellowship. May thy truth irradiate the minds and thy spirit fill the hearts of those

who gather here. May the whole life find development here in body, mind and soul. May streams of generous helpfulness flow forth from this fountain of blessing to cheer this entire community and the whole world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us to pray, saying:

¶ *Here let all the people unite with the minister in the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let all the people sing the*

GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the minister unite with the people in the*

RESPONSIVE READING.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.

Praise ye the name of the Lord.

Both young men and maidens; old men and children; let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days that he may see good?
Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
Doth not wisdom cry, and understanding put forth her voice?
I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me.
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.
For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit thereof than fine gold.
Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth;
And let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth;
And walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes.
But know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.
Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come,
And the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.
Wilt not thou at this time cry unto me,
My Father, thou art the guide of my youth?
Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths;
That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth,
And our daughters as corner-stones,
Polished after the similitude of a palace.
Happy is the people that is in such a case;
Yea, happy is the people whose God is the Lord.

¶ *Then let all the people sing a*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used if desired:*

"Lift up your heads, rejoice."
"It is a day of gladness."
"God's trumpet wakes the slumbering world."
"Work, for the night is coming."

¶ *Then may be given the*

ADDRESS, OR ADDRESSES.

¶ *A statement may be made of the character and purpose of the building, together with a word of appreciation of those whose generous gifts have made it possible.*

¶ *Then may follow, with responses,*

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION.

For the worship of God, the fellowship of the Master, the communion of the Spirit, and the salvation of men,

We dedicate this house.

For Christian instruction, the study of the Scripture, a knowledge of the Father's guidance through the ages, and a greater familiarity with the lives of the heroes and heroines of church and state,

We dedicate this house.

For missionary information and work, that we may gain a vision of the greatness and wonder of the task, and bear our full share of the duties and privileges of the far-flung battle line of Christ's kingdom in this and other lands,

We dedicate this house.

For Christian citizenship, that this church and its people may do all within their power to

apply the principles of Jesus to government, business, society and their daily conduct,

We dedicate this house.

For civic service in the name of charity, justice, and friendship, that this church, its people and equipment, may meet the needs of as many as possible, in as many ways as possible, to help to the full limit of every opportunity to make our community life safer, cleaner and more wholesome,

We dedicate this house.

For brotherhood in the Master's name, that the terms, "church house" and "church family," may be rich with meaning and significance; that the complete democracy of Christian fellowship may be realized; that a larger circle of personal acquaintance within the church may create new ties that shall both serve and give larger privileges of service,

We dedicate this house.

For recreation and athletics, that the God-given instincts of joy and play may find free expression, that clean and wholesome amusement may be used to give pleasure to all and to help in the upbuilding of the fellowship and ministry of the church,

We dedicate this house.

For a broader program and a more continuous use of the building, that the largest number of worthy human motives may be reached, the largest number of human needs met, and the church brought into contact with life at the largest possible number of points so that we may be "The Church of the Open Door,"

We dedicate this house.

¶ *Then may follow the*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Our heavenly Father and Eternal Friend, who dost rejoice in the welfare and happiness of thy children, and dost seek to deliver them from weakness and sin, and lift them ever toward the glory of thine own life, grant to us thy special benediction as we dedicate to thee and to the work of thy kingdom this house which thou hast enabled us to build. Illumine with thy truth the minds which thou hast given us as we study thy holy word. Kindle in our hearts a love of all good and noble things, and mould our lives after the pattern given us in Jesus Christ. May the young people here gain such mastery of body and soul, that they shall be fully equipped for successful lives. May the children here lift glad Hosannas to their King and learn to walk in his way. May there be here such a neighborly spirit of sympathy and good will that this whole community shall feel the love of God shed abroad here. So may thy light shine here, and may thy name be glorified. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let all join in*

THE CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Christ for the world we sing."
"Sing we of the golden city."
"Fling out the banner, let it float."
"My country, 'tis of thee."

¶ *Then may the service be concluded with*

THE BENEDICTION.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Or this

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT THE ORDINATION (OR INSTALLATION) OF A MINISTER

¶ *A council of churches (represented by their pastors and delegates) and invited members having voted its approval of the ordination (or installation) of the minister, the congregation being assembled for the public services of ordination (or installation), the following order may be observed:*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.

THE PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following, or any other appropriate hymn, may be used:*

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty."
"Come, thou Almighty King."
"The Son of God goes forth to war."
"Rejoice, ye pure in heart."
"Rise up, O men of God."

¶ *The ministers and members of the Council may, if desired, enter with the choir, or they may be seated during the organ prelude.*

THE MODERATOR'S STATEMENT *shall then be made by the moderator of the Council, as to its inquiry and result.*

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL *may then be presented by the scribe.*

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister may use the following, or his own form of words:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Fountain of life and light, who didst raise up prophets in ancient times for the guidance of the

people, and whose Son, Jesus Christ, did send abroad into the world, apostles, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, grant us thy blessing in this hour, we beseech thee. Bestow upon thy servant the spirit of thy grace, that he may be a true messenger of thy great love in Jesus Christ. May he, and all faithful ministers of thy gospel, be so filled with prophetic fire and apostolic zeal, that thy church may be greatly blessed, and thy name be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord who hath taught us to pray, saying:[1]

¶ *Here let all the people unite with the minister —*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE SCRIPTURE READING.

¶ *The following responsive reading may be read by the minister and people (standing): or other appropriate Scripture may be read by the minister alone; such as 2 Tim. 2 : 1–13; 3 : 14–17; 4 : 1–8.*

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion;
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O Thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
As for our transgressions, thou wilt forgive them.

[1] John Hunter.

Blessed is the man whom thou dost choose and bring near,
That he may dwell in thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
The holiness of thy temple.
For the Lord hath chosen Zion,
He hath desired it for his habitation.
This is my resting place forever;
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
Her priests also will I clothe with salvation;
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let thy saints shout for joy.
Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy;
He that goeth forth weeping, bearing seed for the sowing
Shall doubtless come home with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.

¶ *Then may follow*

THE GLORIA PATRI.

¶ *Then may follow*

AN ANTHEM (by the choir).

¶ *Or one of the following hymns may be used, if desired:*

"Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim."
"Come, O Creator, Spirit blest."
"Lord of the living harvest."
"O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling."

¶ *Then shall follow*

THE SERMON.

¶ *Then shall be offered*

THE ORDAINING (OR INSTALLING) PRAYER.

¶ *When the candidate is to be ordained he shall kneel beside the pulpit, and the minister offering the ordaining prayer, the moderator and other ministers, shall lay their hands upon his head, after the apostolic example and solemnly ordain him to the gospel ministry.*

¶ *When the candidate is installed, he may stand before the pulpit while the installing prayer is offered.*

¶ *The following prayers may be used, if desired:*

Almighty and Everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we give thanks to thee for all thy bounties, and especially for thine unspeakable gift in Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent to be the Saviour of the world. We thank thee that thou who didst speak in the prophets, didst live in thy Son, and that thou hast appointed thy church to be a witness unto him, and to proclaim his glad tidings to all the world. Let thy blessing rest upon thy church, we beseech thee, that it may be indeed the body of Christ, through which his spirit shines and his work is accomplished. May it make known thy way upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Heal its divisions, deliver it from blindness and prejudice, fill it with brotherly love, gird it with spiritual power, endue it with a new passion for the service of humanity, that it may show forth the power and beauty of the religion we profess, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank thee that thou hast sent forth laborers into the fields which are ripe for the harvest. Grant thine abundant grace to all who minister before thee in the sanctuary, and devote themselves to all the varied service of the Christian ministry. Replenish them with the truth of thy word, and the meekness of thy wisdom, and so nourish and preserve them in all simplicity and devoutness of life that they may faithfully serve thee with acceptable sacrifices, ever speaking thy message boldly and in love, and seeking only to do good to men, and to glorify thy name. *Amen.*

O Lord of Light and Truth, who hast given to thy church the ministry of reconciliation whereby thy wandering children may be brought back to thee, to share thy life and receive the blessing of thy salvation, look with thy loving favor, we beseech thee, upon this thy servant whom we do now set apart and ordain to the work of the Christian ministry. [*Here the ministers, in an ordination service, shall lay their hands upon the head of the candidate.*] Pour down upon him the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Grant to him the knowledge of thy truth, that seeing it clearly and declaring it fearlessly, he may lead men upward into a nobler life. Give to him that wisdom and courage, that sympathy and patience, that hope and trust, which shall empower him to win men and to lead them heavenward. Bless him in the work of training the young and reclaiming the fallen. Help him to cheer

the sick, comfort the sorrowing, strengthen the weak, minister to the poor, and lead back to the Father's house those that have gone astray. May he be an example to thy people and a blessing to the community. May the power of his ministry be felt throughout this nation and unto the ends of the earth, as he seeks with his people the triumphs of the cross in all the world. And after a fruitful ministry may he be brought at last, with those whom thou shalt give him, into thine eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the people sing*

A HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons."
" He that goeth forth with weeping."
" Go labor on, spend and be spent."

¶ *Then may be given*

THE CHARGE TO THE PASTOR.

¶ *This may be omitted in Installation, if desired.*

¶ *Then may follow*

THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

¶ *Then may be given*

THE ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.

¶ *Then let the people sing*

A HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired.*

" O Master, let me walk with Thee."
" Christ for the world we sing."
" God's trumpet wakes the slumbering world."
" Sing we of the Golden City."
" Fling out the banner, let it float."

¶ *Then may follow*

THE CLOSING PRAYER (*by the moderator*).

¶ *Then may be given by the newly ordained* (*or installed*) *minister*

THE BENEDICTION.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR THE BAPTISM OR CONSECRATION OF CHILDREN

¶ *When children are to be presented for baptism (or consecration), the name of each child in full, with the date of its birth, and the names of both parents, should be given to the minister, in writing, at the time of the service.*

¶ *As the parents bring the children forward the choir may chant the following:*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children:

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. Ps. 103 : 17, 18.

¶ *Or, if preferred, the congregation may sing an appropriate hymn, such as*

" See, Israel's gentle shepherd stands."
" To Him who children blessed."
" By cool Siloam's shady rill."
" Saviour, who thy flock art feeding."

¶ *Then let the minister read one or more of the following:*

The promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call. Acts 2 : 39.

See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. Matt. 18 : 10.

It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. Matt. 18 : 14.

And these words, which I command thee shall be upon thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt

talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deut. 6 : 6, 7.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. Mk. 10:13–16.

¶ *Then shall the minister address those presenting their children as follows:*

Dearly beloved, in presenting these children [*or* this child] for baptism [*or* consecration] you confess your faith in the universal fatherhood of Him who said, "All souls are mine," and in the tender care and redeeming love of Him who took little children in his arms and blessed them, saying, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." You bring them acknowledging that they are the gifts of God, and desiring that they may be dedicated to the Christian life.

You promise to teach them that they are God's children, that they owe to him the love of their hearts and the service of their lives; and that the beginning of wisdom is to trust him and obey him. You will teach them the way of goodness and of truth; that they

may learn to hate evil and love righteousness, and may know the Father as he is revealed in Christ Jesus through obedience and love. Not only by the teaching of your lips but by the holy influence of faithful lives you will seek to reveal to them that grace which is able to save us from our sins, to strengthen us in our labors, to comfort us in our sorrows, and to bring us home to God. Do you so promise?

Answer. I do.

¶ *Then the minister may take the child in his arms, if convenient, and shall say to the parents:*

Name this child.

¶ *Then, naming it after them, the minister shall say:*

N——, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *In the consecration of children, the minister shall say:*

N——, I consecrate thee to the Christian life, to the worship of God, and to the service of thy fellowmen; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the minister offer prayer, using his own words, or the following:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the protector of all the weak, keep, guard, and bless this child [*or* these children] evermore. May *he* be a bringer of joy to the home and to the world into which *he* has been born. As *he* grows in years may *he* also grow in strength and beauty of character; and being

led in the ways of divine wisdom, stand ever among thy good and faithful servants who rejoice to do thy will.

Endue those into whose care thou hast committed *this child* with a wise, loving, devout, and faithful spirit. Help them to make their home the scene of the highest affections, the noblest discipline, and the purest religion.

As we gladly welcome *this child* into the congregation of Christ's flock, to be under our special care, may we help *him* so that *he* shall never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but shall fight loyally under His banner against all evil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto the end. *Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

¶ *While the parents and children are retiring, an appropriate hymn or chant may be sung.*

AN ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

¶ *The names of those who are to unite with the church having been read, those who are to make confession of their faith shall present themselves before the minister.*

¶ *If there are those, also, who are to unite by letter from other churches, they shall be seated conveniently near the pulpit, or, if preferred, their names may now be read, and they may stand with the others.*

¶ *Then shall the minister say to those who enter the church on confession of their faith:*

What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now, in the presence of all his people.

Dearly beloved, called of God to be his children through Jesus Christ, we give hearty thanks to him, who has opened your eyes to see and your hearts to receive Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, and has inclined you to present yourselves here to enter into the communion and fellowship of his church.

Having truly repented of your sins, you sincerely devote yourselves to the love, obedience, and service of God; you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master, and confess your purpose to learn of him, to become like him, and to advance his kingdom in the world; you accept his Word as the law of your life, and his Spirit as your comforter and guide; and trusting in his grace to strengthen you, you promise

to do what you can to promote the peace, purity, and prosperity of this church, walking with his disciples in love, and glorifying him by a faithful life. Do you so promise?

¶ *Then shall each one answer,*

I do.

¶ *Then shall baptism be administered to those not previously baptized, and the minister shall say to them:*

Will you receive Christian baptism as a symbol of that inward purity of life which you seek, and a sign that you dedicate yourself to the service and glory of God?

¶ *Then shall each person who is to be baptized answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the minister baptize each of them, saying,*

N——, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then addressing those who were baptized in childhood, the minister shall say:*

You who in childhood were brought into the church on the faith of your parents, to be recognized as the children of God, and dedicated to his service; do you accept and confirm for yourselves that consecration made for you in childhood when you were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

¶ *Then shall each of them answer,*

I do.

¶ *Then shall the minister say to them:*

The God of all grace, who hath called you into his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then shall the minister say to all:*

And may he so strengthen each one of you, baptized in his name, that hereafter you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but that you may manfully fight under his banner against all evil and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant until the end.

¶ *Then shall the minister read the names of those to be received by letter, if the names have not before been read, and they shall stand in the place appointed; and the minister shall say to them:*

Kindred in Christ, who come acknowledging the vows made when first you declared your faith in Christ, we bid you welcome. We greet you as fellow-laborers in his service, and fellow-travelers to his promised rest. Do you now cordially unite yourselves with this church of Christ, and accept its covenant of mutual service? Do you promise to pray and work for its upbuilding and its usefulness; to help in sustaining its worship, its activities and its charities; and to live with us in Christian fellowship? Do you so promise?

¶ *Then shall each one answer,*

I do.

¶ *Then shall the members of the church rise in salutation and welcome, and the minister shall say to all uniting with the church on confession and by letter:*

We then, the members of this church, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our sympathy, our help, and our prayers that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. God grant that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints above.

¶ *Then may the minister give to each one the right hand of fellowship, speaking some pastoral word, or giving a verse of Scripture.*

¶ *Then shall the minister give a Benediction:*

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, world without end, both now and forever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be the glory in the church by Christ Jesus, through all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ *On the day appointed for the Communion, the deacons having charge of the Lord's table shall see that it is arranged in order.*

¶ *The minister and deacons shall assemble and be seated in the place appointed.*

THE HYMN.

¶ *When the ordinance follows another service, this may be the closing hymn of that previous service.*

¶ *One of the following hymns may be used, if desired:*

" Just as I am, without one plea."
" When I survey the wondrous cross."
" Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face."
" Bread of the world, in mercy broken."
" Break Thou the bread of life."

THE WORDS OF CHRIST

¶ *The minister may then read one or more of the following sentences:*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things unto them that ask him.

Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love.

Whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

THE INVITATION

¶*Then shall be given the invitation of the minister to the people.*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with reverence, faith and thanksgiving and take the Supper of the Lord to your comfort.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must but because you may; come to testify not that you are righteous but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ and desire to be his true disciples; come, not because you are strong but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of God's mercy and help; come, not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

And now that the Supper of the Lord is spread before you, lift up your minds and hearts above all selfish fears and cares. Let this

bread and this wine be to you the witnesses and signs of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Before the throne of the heavenly Father and the cross of the Redeemer make your humble confession of sin, consecrate your lives to the Christian obedience and service, and pray for strength to do and to bear the holy and blessed will of God.[1]

¶ *Then let the minister lead the people in*

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

¶ *He may use his own words, or the following:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks to thee that thou, of thy tender mercy, did'st give thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Redeemer of all who put their trust in him. We thank thee that he endured the Cross, despising the shame, that by his sacrifice for the sins of the world he might become the world's perfect Saviour. We beseech thee to bless us now as we celebrate this Holy Supper instituted by him as a memorial to be cherished by his church, of his holy passion and precious

[1] John Hunter.
[2] Common Prayer.

death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. By the effectual working of thy Spirit in our hearts wilt thou sanctify and bless to us these elements, symbols of the body that was broken and the blood that was shed for us, assurances of his eternal love. May we receive by faith Christ crucified for us, and so feed upon him that he may be one with us, and we with him. May we so partake of this bread and this cup that our hearts and lives may be truly pledged and yielded to the sway of his Spirit.

And we humbly beseech thee, most merciful Father, that as with penitent hearts we strive to follow him, we may have the assurance that our sins are forgiven. Here we offer and present to thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and our bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee, praying that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; that we may be led in the way of truth and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dost call us to draw near to thee in Holy Communion; look graciously, we beseech thee, upon thy servants who seek thy grace in this most holy ordinance. Give unto us true and hearty sorrow for past sins, power to confess the same unto thee, grace to seek thy mercy and forgiveness, and an

earnest desire to walk before thee in newness and holiness of life; and mercifully grant that we, with all those who shall come to thy holy table, may be filled with thy Spirit in the inner man; that drawing near with penitent hearts and lively faith, we may receive the holy sacrament to our present and everlasting comfort; through thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*[1]

Or this

Most Holy and most Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, led by Jesus Christ we draw near to thee. Beneath the shadow of his Cross, in the light of his revelation, in the communion of his Spirit, in the fellowship of his church, we would meditate and pray.

We would remember Christ. We would remember the gracious beauty of his life, his obedience unto death, the charity of his Cross, and his victory over the world's sin and sorrow. Quicken our hearts with the memory of our Master till we feel it to be no task to serve him, no hardship to follow him, and no burden to carry his Cross.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the communion of thy saints, more especially in those whom we ourselves have known and loved, the dear and holy dead who have made the unseen world a home for us. Let the cloud of witnesses be for us an example of godly life; and by faith, hope, and love may we be united to them and to thee now and evermore.

We remember in this sacred hour of communion

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

the whole family of man. We pray thee to comfort the sad, to strengthen the weak, to refresh the weary, to protect the innocent, to reward the faithful, to save the lost, and to reconcile all hearts and lives to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then the minister shall repeat the Scripture words of institution:*

Our Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

¶ *The minister shall then take the bread and break it in view of the people, saying:*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which he was betrayed, having taken bread, and blessed and broken it, gave it to his disciples: so I, ministering in his name, give this bread unto you. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ *After the minister, the people, and the deacons have partaken of the bread, the minister shall take the cup and say:*

[1] John Hunter.

Our Saviour also took the cup, and gave it to his disciples; so I, ministering in his name, give to you this cup. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

¶ *After the minister, the people, and the deacons have partaken of the cup, the minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast called us to sit together in heavenly places at this feast of thy love, we give thanks to thee for thy great goodness vouchsafed to us in this sacred Communion. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so partake of the very life of Christ, that he may live again in us. May we be changed into his likeness, that at last he may present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

¶ *Then may be taken an offering for those in need.*

¶ *During the distribution of the bread and wine and the receiving of the offering, the organ may be played very softly.*

¶ *Then may follow*

THE HYMN OF COMMUNION.

¶ *One of the following may be used:*

"Beneath the cross of Jesus."
"Rock of Ages, cleft for me."
"Beneath the shadow of the cross."
"More love to thee, O Christ."
"My faith looks up to thee."

¶ *Then while the people sit with bowed heads the minister shall give*

THE BENEDICTION:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Or this:

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *After the Benediction the communicants may remain in silent prayer for a moment.*

AN ORDER FOR A CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE.

¶ *At the appointed hour the children and older people of the Sunday School and congregation, with the pastor and superintendent, having gathered in another room, may march into the house of worship, singing the*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Onward, Christian Soldiers."
"Brightly gleams our banner."
"Forward be our watchword."
"Crown Him with many crowns."
"When morning gilds the skies."

¶ *Then may the minister give*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. One thing have I desired of the Lord; that will I seek after; That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

¶ *Then may the minister lead the people in*

THE INVOCATION.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; that

we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

THE LORD'S PRAYER. *All uniting.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

A SONG BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"When his salvation bringing."
"Hosanna we sing, like the children dear."
"Rejoice, ye pure in heart."
"O Jesus, I have promised."
"O Saviour, precious Saviour."

RESPONSIVE READING.

And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said unto them,

Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying,

Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?

And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said,

Verily I say unto you, except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

[1] Gregorian Sacramentary, A.D. 590.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them:

And his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them,

Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them.

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN FOR BAPTISM OR CONSECRATION.

PRAYER.

¶ *The pastor may use his own words, or, if he prefers, one of the prayers in this book.*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"I think when I read that sweet story of old."
"By cool Siloam's shady rill."
"There's a Friend for little children."

PRESENTATION OF THE CRADLE ROLL.

¶ *A gift of rosebuds or other flowers may be made to the children of the Cradle Roll.*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

A SONG.

¶ *By the Primary Department or a Children's Chorus.*

RECITATIONS AND EXERCISES.

¶ *By members of the church school.*

OFFERTORY.

¶ *For Sunday School Extension and Missionary work.*

¶ *An Anthem by the choir may be sung if desired.*

¶ *Then may the congregation sing a*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" My God, I thank thee, who hast made."
" For the beauty of the earth."
" Take my life and let it be."
" The spacious firmament on high."
" Summer suns are glowing."

ADDRESS BY THE PASTOR.

¶ *This may be given by an invited speaker, if desired.*

CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" God of our fathers, whose almighty hand."
" The Son of God goes forth to war."
" Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise."
" Faith of our fathers, living still."

PRAYER.

¶ *The minister may use his own form of words, or, if he prefers, he may use the following:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast shown us in Jesus Christ the wonders of thy love to us, help us to live as thy faithful and loyal children. Kindle in our hearts a deep desire to know and to do thy will. Bless these children gathered in thy house to worship Thee, and may they learn here the lessons of the eternal life. Give to us all the childlike spirit, and bring us all at last into the glory of the eternal home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR A HOME MISSIONARY SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE.

PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Forward be our watchword."
"Who is on the Lord's side."
"Lord, thou hast taught our hearts to glow."
"O where are kings and empires now."

INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister, or leader, may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Heavenly Father, who dost love thine earthly children with an everlasting love, awaken in thy church the joy of thy salvation. Endow her plenteously with spiritual gifts. Fill her with that passion for service which was in the heart of Jesus, and inspire her to labor with self-sacrificing devotion for the salvation of men. May her messengers go forth with devotion and joy into every part of this land which we love, and may their message reclaim, inspire and transform men. O thou Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers fitted to reap in the great harvest-field. May they be guides to the blind, and comforters to the weary and heavy laden; may they strengthen the weak and confirm the strong; may they faithfully rebuke sin, and boldly declare thy truth; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. *Amen.*

A HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Hark, the voice of Jesus calling."
"When wilt thou save the people."
"Lord of the living harvest."
"Our country's voice is pleading."

¶ *Then let the minister and people unite in the*

RESPONSIVE READING.

Jesus said unto them, Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest! Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers unto His harvest;

And Jesus taught them many things by parables, and said unto them — hearken: behold, there went out a sower to sow:

And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by

the wayside, and the fowls of the air came, and devoured it up.

And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth, and immediately sprang up, because it had no depth of earth.

But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased, and brought forth some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold.

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SCRIPTURE READING.

Appropriate passages are Ps. 107; Isa. 9; 11; 52; 55; 60; Acts 2; 3; 4; 13. Eph. 2.

A HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be sung, if desired:*

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus."
"Christ for the world we sing."
"From every clime and country."
"These things shall be! a loftier race."
"Lead on, O King Eternal."

PRAYER.

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

O thou, who art the Light of the world, shine forth with thy truth and love through every part of our country. May the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with its evangel of hope and joy, be proclaimed to all the people. May Christ be so lifted up that

all shall see in him the Light of Life, and may he become to many the power of God unto salvation. Inspire the churches of this great nation with a holy zeal for thy Kingdom, that they may do their utmost to protect the republic from the moral and spiritual perils which threaten it. May they support gladly and generously those agencies which by their varied ministrations are seeking to make the principles and ideals of Christ to be the rule of life in every community.

Let thy richest blessing, we beseech thee, rest upon the home missionary pastors and workers, in city and country, on the prairies and amid the mountains, in the North and South, in the East and West, that they faint not, neither grow weary in well doing; but cheered by the consciousness of thy presence and power may they rejoice in the privilege of service. Crown their self-sacrificing labors with success, and may they win many to the better life.

Bless the churches to which they minister, that with quickened consciences, and glowing hearts, and consecrated wills, they may lift high the standards of righteousness and brotherly love, and may leaven the nation with the truth as it is in Jesus. May they be blest in the care of the poor, in the services of praise and prayer, in the training of the young, and in the promotion of social justice. Kindle in them a great desire for world-wide service, that by their gifts and prayers they may share in the work of sending the gospel to the lands beyond the

sea, that the whole world may be brought under the mastery of Christ.

O Lord, bless our beloved country, and may it be so loyal to thee, and to the ideals of liberty, of justice, of fraternity, and of service, that it shall increasingly prosper, and be a blessing to the whole world. And to thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will we ascribe all the glory. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY.

¶ *An offering may be made for home missionary work in our country.*

¶ *While the offering is being taken the choir may render an appropriate*

ANTHEM.

¶ *After which may be given the*

SERMON OR ADDRESS.

¶ *If preferred, there may be given several brief addresses or papers, referring to the various phases of Home Missionary work; such as*
The Problems of the City Church
The Problems of the Country Church
New Americans from other lands
The Church in the Mining Camp
The Temple Builders
A Home for the Minister
Home Missionary Wives and Children
Spiritual Harvests to save our Country

¶ *If preferred, there may be presented a Home Missionary pageant*

THE CLOSING HYMN

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Where cross the crowded ways of life."
"Sing we of the golden city."
"March on, march on, ye soldiers true."
"Work for the night is coming."
"Hark! the song of jubilee."

¶ *Then may the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, during*

THE CLOSING PRAYER *and*

THE BENEDICTION

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory and dominion in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR A FOREIGN MISSIONARY SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE.

OPENING HYMN.

¶ *This may be a Processional, if desired. One of the following hymns may be used:*

"Lift up your heads, rejoice."
"Joy to the world, the Lord is come."
"Rejoice, rejoice, believers."
"Father, let Thy Kingdom come."
"From the Eastern Mountains."

INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister or leader may use his own words, or, if he prefers, he may use the following:*

Father in heaven, who dost love all thy children everywhere, and didst send thy Son to seek and to save the lost, fill us with thine own deep desire for the salvation of all men. As the Master sent forth his disciples to tell the story of redeeming love to all the nations, so may we feel that we should send the message of the gospel to all on earth. Bless us as we consider today the work of thy kingdom, and fill us with joy by the promise of its final victory everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All Uniting

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive

us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Go labor on; spend and be spent."
"He that goeth forth with weeping."
"Who is on the Lord's side."
"Lord, what offering shall we bring."

RESPONSIVE READING.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,
All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:
And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matt. 28:18–20.)
And being assembled together with them, he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.
Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you:
And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria,

and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1 : 4, 5, 8.)

Or this:

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.
The mountains shall bring peace to the people;
And the little hills, by righteousness.
He shall judge the poor of the people;
He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.
They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.
He shall come down as rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.
In his days shall the righteous flourish;
And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.
He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the river unto the ends of the earth.
They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him:
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents:
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
Yea, all kings shall fall down before him:
All nations shall serve him.
For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth;
The poor, also, and him that hath no helper.
He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.
He shall redeem their soul from deceit and vio-

lence; and precious shall their blood be in his sight.
And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:
Prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.
There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains;
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon;
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
His name shall endure forever;
His name shall be continued as long as the sun.
And men shall be blessed in him;
All nations shall call him blessed.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.
And blessed be his glorious name forever:
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen. (Psalm 72.)

¶ *Then let all the people sing the*

GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *Appropriate passages are Ps. 107 : 1–16; Acts 11 : 1–18; 13 : 44–52; 16 : 9–40; Rom. 1 : 1–16; Rev. 21 : 1–7, 21–27.*

PRAYER.

¶ *The minister or leader may use his own form of words, or, if he wishes, may use the following:*

Almighty and Most Merciful God, in whose

hands are all the ends of the earth, send forth thy light and thy truth into all the world. Win back thine own by the gracious power of thy Spirit working through the heralds of the Cross who carry the good news of Christ and his redemption. Protect the messengers of grace amid the dangers and difficulties that may confront them. Give them strength and skill and courage in their work. Bless those who work in distant and difficult mission fields that the power of the gospel may make this a Christian world. Crown their labors with abundant success. Speed Thou the time when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea, when Christ shall rule in every heart and home, and when in the world-wide triumph of his redeeming grace the Kingdom of heaven shall have fully come on earth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *One of the other prayers in this book may be used, if desired.*

¶ *Then may all unite in singing a*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used:*

"Fling out the banner, let it float."
"Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim."
"Hark! the voice of Jesus calling."
"God's trumpet wakes the slumbering world."
"Thy Kingdom come; on bended knee."

ADDRESS OR EXERCISE.

¶ *The address may be by the pastor; or addresses may be made by returned missionaries, or by representatives of missionary societies; or by those who have made a special*

study of some phase of missionary work; or the exercise may be "A Tour Around the World," illustrated with stereopticon views (the slides for which are furnished by missionary societies); or it may be a dialogue or other exercise, vividly setting forth the progress of the Kingdom of Christ.

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used:*

"O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling."
"O brothers, lift your voices."
"Jesus shall reign wher'er the sun."
"Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning."
"Hark! the song of jubilee."

¶ *Then may the minister conclude the service with the*

PRAYER *and*

BENEDICTION.

Now unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory, by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

A SERVICE OF PATRIOTISM

ORGAN PRELUDE.

PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand."
"Our God, our help in ages past."
"O beautiful for spacious skies."
"O God, beneath thy guiding hand."

INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Almighty God, who didst lead our fathers to these shores that they might lay here the foundations of civil and religious liberty, bless to us the glorious heritage of faith and freedom which we have received from them. Preserve thou the nation which was established by their prayers, their heroic deeds, and their sacrifices. Help us to be true to the great ideals for which they stood, and may our country ever be the home of justice, liberty, and true brotherhood. Defend it against every peril, and may it be increasingly a blessing to all the world; which we ask in the name of him who has taught us to pray, saying:

¶ *All uniting*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

A HYMN OF PATRIOTISM.

¶ *This may be an appropriate anthem, if desired.*

¶ *Or one of the following hymns may be used:*

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."
"Lord, while for all mankind we pray."
"Dear Land of Liberty, hope of the world."
"O Lord of hosts, Almighty King."

RESPONSIVE READING

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.
Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; talk ye of all his wondrous works.
When our fathers were but few in number, yea, very few, and strangers in the land,
When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;
He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;
Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness.
Marvelous things did he in the sight of our fathers.
He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through.
In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

He made his people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

And he led them on safely, so that they feared not.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

Blessed be the Lord God from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

¶ *Then may be sung the*

GLORIA PATRI.

PRAYER — A LITANY FOR OUR COUNTRY.

¶ *The people seated, with bowed heads, and responding.*

¶ *The minister and people may use the following:*

God of all mercy and might, who resistest the proud and givest grace to the humble, who judgest the nations and who dost not willingly afflict the children of men;

Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

For our forgetfulness of thee and our lack of trust in thy power, for the hard heart and the rebellious brow; for all arrogance and self-sufficiency, for our selfish comfort among the wrongs and sorrows of men, for our ignorance and indifference concerning the lot of others, for the love of ease and pleasure that has blinded our eyes:

Forgive us, O God.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vainglory, hatred and all uncharitableness, from contempt and cruelty, from unbelief and despair:

Good Lord, deliver us.

For the President and the Congress, and the people of this nation; and for the people of all the world; for all soldiers and sailors, that they may be brave, chivalrous and pure, gentle in victory, patient under reverses, and saved from all perils to their souls; that thou wouldst comfort all that are in anxiety or sorrow, cheer the sick and wounded, and show thyself in love to the dying,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who wait and watch at home; for those who are anxious for their loved ones; for the homes that are bereaved and those who are left desolate; for all who minister to the body and bring comfort to the soul; for all doctors, nurses and chaplains, that they may be sustained and directed by thee; for all who fight against poverty and pain; for all who attempt to alleviate distress of body or soul; for all who seek to protect the poor and inspire the people with faith;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O thou Son of Man, who biddest us to pray for our enemies, and to forgive lest we be unforgiven, we pray for all who are turned to be our enemies;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, on behalf of thy Church, that thou wilt reveal to her thy will; and that thou wilt give her power to lead the world to Christ. For

the unrealized brotherhood of humanity: for the salvation of the people from injustice, oppression and war; for the hastening of thy kingdom on the earth:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Almighty and gracious God, who rulest all things, we pray Thee so to direct us that righteousness shall prevail and that the peace of the world may be established on a sure and lasting foundation. Make bare thy holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

[* ¶ *Then, if deemed appropriate, may be given the*

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

¶ *Let all the people rise and salute the Flag, and stand at attention while they repeat together the following:*

Flag of our country! we salute thee as the symbol of liberty and justice, equal rights and universal brotherhood; and we pledge to thee and to our Republic our love, our loyalty, and our unfaltering devotion!

¶ *Then let all the people sing the first and last verses of*

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"
(Key of A).

O say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does the Star-spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

* Optional, and may be omitted if desired.

O thus be it ever where free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, " In God is our trust. "
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

ADDRESS.

¶ *There may be one or more addresses.*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used:*

" God of our fathers, known of old."
" Faith of our fathers, living still."
" Lord of our life, and God of our salvation."
" Not alone for mighty empire."
" O Lord our God, thy mighty hand."

OFFERTORY.

¶ *An offering may be taken for the Red Cross or for the relief of those in distress.*

CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *Let all the people rise and sing,*

" AMERICA "

My Country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrims' pride!
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
  Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breath partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
  The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to thee,
Author of liberty,
  To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
  Great God, our King!

¶ *Then may the minister give the*

BENEDICTION.

Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

A FOREFATHERS' DAY SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE.

PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Our God, our help in ages past."
"A mighty fortress is our God."
"God's trumpet wakes a slumbering world."
"Through the night of doubt and sorrow."
"Faith of our fathers, living still."

INVOCATION.

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or the following, if he prefers:*

God of our fathers, whose presence and power have been made manifest in every age, and whose Providence has directed the upward march of human history through the centuries, we give thanks to thee for those heroic men who dared danger and hardship, persecution and death, that they might win for themselves and for the world liberty of conscience and freedom to worship God. Thou didst guide them through stormy seas to their new home in the wilderness. Thou didst help them to plant upon these shores the seeds of civil and religious liberty, whose harvest is our great Republic. In the midst of perils thou didst protect them, and in their efforts to secure equal rights for all men thou didst direct them. We thank thee for this nation which they made possible, in which shine forth their ideals of fraternity, justice, and democracy. May we be true to the faith of our fathers. May

their heroic spirit, their devotion to truth, their loyalty to thee, and their love of liberty abide in us. May our country be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth as it illustrates these ideals, till at last all the world shall be free, and all mankind shall be one great brotherhood. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the minister and people unite in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

ANTHEM OR A CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

¶ *An appropriate anthem may be sung, or if preferred one of the following hymns may be used.*

"Lord, while for all mankind we pray."
"O Lord of Hosts, Almighty King."
"O beautiful, my country."
"From ocean unto ocean."

RESPONSIVE READING.

Blessed be thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, forever and forever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty.

For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine;

Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,

What work thou didst in their days, in the times of old;

For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them.

But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

We will not hide these things from our children, showing to the generations to come the praises of the Lord:

And his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done:

For he established statutes, and appointed laws, which he commanded our fathers to make known to their children, that the generation to come might know him:

That they might set their hope in God.

Happy art thou! who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help!

He hath not dealt so with any nation.

God, even our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

GLORIA PATRI.

SCRIPTURE READING.

¶ *Appropriate passages are Ex. 13 : 3, 9, 21, 22; 14 : 8–29; 15 : 1, 2. Ps. 77 : 11–20. Hebrews 11 : 1, 8–10, 24–40.*

PRAYER.

*READING — THE PILGRIMS

¶ *Here may be read or sung Mrs. Hemans' poem.*

The breaking waves dashed high
  On a stern and rockbound coast,
And the woods against a stormy sky
  Their giant branches tossed.
And the heavy night hung dark
  The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their bark
  On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes,
  They, the true-hearted, came;
Not with the roll of the stirring drums,
  And the trumpet that sings of fame;
Not as the flying come,
  In silence and in fear: —
They shook the depths of the desert gloom
  With their hymns of lofty cheer.

Amidst the storm they sang,
  And the stars heard, and the sea!
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang
  To the anthem of the free.
The ocean eagle soared
  From his nest by the white wave's foam,
And the rocking pines of the forest roared —
  This was their welcome home!

What sought they thus afar?
  Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? —
  They sought a faith's pure shrine!
Aye, call it holy ground,
  The soil where first they trod!
They have left unstained what here they found —
  Freedom to worship God.

¶ *Then may be read, if desired, stanzas 1, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 of James Russell Lowell's poem, "The Present Crisis."*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"O God, beneath thy guiding hand."
"Behold a Sower from afar."
"We limit not the truth of God."
"God of our fathers, whose almighty hand."
"At length there dawns the glorious day."

ADDRESS OR ADDRESSES.

¶ *There may be an address, or more if desired, in which the principles and ideals of the forefathers may be set forth, and their heroic service to the world on behalf of democracy in church and state may be declared.*

¶ *Then may be sung the*

CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Our fathers' God, from out whose hand."
"We are living, we are dwelling."
"God bless our native land."
"My country, 'tis of thee."

¶ *Then may the congregation be seated with bowed heads, during the*

PRAYER *and*

BENEDICTION.

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see; to him be honor and power everlasting. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

A SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

ORGAN PRELUDE.

PROCESSIONAL OR INTRODUCTORY HYMN

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory."
"O bless the Lord, my soul."
"For the beauty of the earth."
"Rejoice, ye pure in heart."
"O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea."

CALL TO WORSHIP.

Let the people praise thee, O Lord; let all the people praise thee.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name. Show forth his salvation from day to day.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

¶ *Then let the whole congregation join in singing*

THE DOXOLOGY.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

¶ *Then let the congregation be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in the*

INVOCATION

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, let thy blessing rest upon us in this festival of thanksgiving. We praise thee as the bountiful benefactor from whose gracious hand

all our blessings have come. We remember thy loving-kindness and tender mercy toward us through all the years, and with grateful hearts we lift up to thee our songs of joy. For all the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, and upon our land, and upon the whole family of man, we give thee humble and hearty thanks. May we show our gratitude by faithful lives devoted to thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

" Come, ye thankful people, come."
" We plough the fields and scatter."
" Praise to God, immortal praise."

RESPONSIVE READING.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion;
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
As for our transgressions, thou wilt forgive them.
Blessed is the man whom thou dost choose and causest to approach unto thee,

That he may dwell in thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
Even of thy holy temple.
By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us,
O God of our salvation;
Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of them that are afar off upon the sea;
Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains,
Being girded about with might;
Who stilleth the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, thou greatly enrichest it;
The river of God is full of water:
Thou providest them grain, when thou hast so prepared the earth, thou waterest its furrows abundantly.
Thou settlest the ridges thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness,
They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness, and the hills are girded with joy.
The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

¶ *Then let all the people sing the*

GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING.

¶ *Appropriate passages are Ps. 107 : 1–22; Ps. 95; Ps. 145; Ps. 147; Ps. 148; Is. 52; 54: 11–17; Rev. 5.*

¶ *Then may be sung by the choir an appropriate*

THANKSGIVING ANTHEM.

¶ *This may be a "Te Deum," or "Jubilate Deo," or other suitable anthem, such as:*

"Ye shall dwell in the land" (Stainer);
"O Lord, how manifold are thy works," (Barnby);
"God is love; his mercy brightens" (Shelley);
"I will mention the loving-kindness" (Sullivan).

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

¶ *The minister may use his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

O Lord, our God, the Giver of all good, we bless thee for thy never failing mercy. Thou hast opened thy hand and hast supplied all our wants. Thou hast loaded us with benefits so that our cup runneth over. Under thy smile we have had days of joy and prosperity; and in the time of distress thou hast upheld us, and made light to arise upon us when we were in darkness. We give thanks to thee for all the blessings we have received, for all thy promises, and all our hopes of good to come. We magnify and praise thy glorious name, O Lord God Almighty, for all thy goodness to us.[1]

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

Blessed be Thou, Father of all mercy, who dost continually pour thy benefits upon us. Age after age the living wait upon thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end, and that thy care is unfailing and unwearying. We praise thee that the mystery by which we are encompassed is a mystery of Infinite Goodness.

We praise thee for the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter; seedtime and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings. We give thee thanks for all the comfort and joy of life, for our homes and all our home blessings; for our friends and all the pure pleasure of social life; for the love, and sympathy, and good will of men.

We thank thee for all the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things. We praise thee for all the blessings of civilization, wise government, and just legislation; for the land in which we live, with its great ideals of liberty and brotherhood; for education, and all the blessings we enjoy through literature, art and science.

We thank thee for all true knowledge of thee and the world in which we live, and the life of truth and righteousness and Divine communion to which thou hast called us; for prophets and apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth; for all lovers and

helpers of mankind, and for all godly and gifted men and women. We thank thee for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ, and all the helps and hopes which are ours as his disciples; for the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; for communion with thee the Father of our spirits; and for the light and peace which come through trust and obedience.

We acknowledge as the gift of thy love all the discipline of life; the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience, self-knowledge and self-conquest, and brought into closer sympathy with our suffering brethren; the troubles which have lifted us nearer thee and drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ. We praise thee for the sacred and tender ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and fills the saddest and the last moments of life with the light of an immortal hope.

God of all grace, we have praised thee with our lips; grant that we may also praise thee in consecrated and faithful lives. *Amen.*[1]

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING.

¶ *A thanksgiving offering may be made for the benefit of some local or public charity.*

¶ *Then let all the congregation sing*

A HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Once more the liberal year laughs out."
"Again the joy of harvest."
"Praise the Lord, his glories show."
"The God of harvest praise."

[1] John Hunter.

¶ *Then may follow*

THE SERMON.

¶ *After the sermon let the congregation rise and sing*

THE CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Now thank we all our God."
"Angels holy, high and lowly."
"O beautiful, my country."
"My country, 'tis of thee."

¶ *Then let the people be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in*

THE CLOSING PRAYER, *and*

THE BENEDICTION

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR A CHRISTMAS SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE.

OPENING HYMN.

¶ *This may be a Processional Hymn, if desired.*

¶ *Congregation standing and singing.*

¶ *One of the following hymns may be used:*

"O come, all ye faithful."
"Joy to the world! the Lord is come."
"Hark! the herald angels sing."

¶ *Then may the minister give*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

O sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.
O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his loving-kindness endureth forever.

¶ *Then let choir and congregation sing*

A HYMN OF CHRISTMAS JOY.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"It came upon the midnight clear."
"Brightest and best of the sons of the morning."
"Hark! what mean those holy voices."
"While shepherds watched their flocks by night."

¶ *Then let the people be seated with bowed heads, while the minister offers*

THE INVOCATION.

¶ *He may use his own form of words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Almighty God, who by the birth of Thy Son hast given us a great Light to dawn upon our darkness; grant, we pray Thee, that in His light we may see light. Let the light of Christ search our souls and scatter our darkness. Let it shine more and more throughout the world unto the perfect day; and give us grace while we have the light to walk in the light, that we may be the children of light. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then let the minister and people join in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may the choir sing*

THE ANTHEM.

¶ *One of the following may be used, or any other anthem of Christmas praise:*

"Sing and rejoice." (J. Barnby);
"There were shepherds." (C. Vincent);
"Behold, I bring you good tidings." (J. Goss and W. H. Gill);
"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." (E. J. Hopkins);
"Arise, shine, for thy light is come." (G. J. Elvey).

¶ *Then may follow the*

RESPONSIVE READING.

Arise! Shine! for thy Light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

[1] John Hunter.

Upon thee will the Lord rise,
And His glory shall be seen upon thee.
Awake, awake! put on thy strength, O Zion,
Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.
Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem;
For the Lord hath comforted his people;
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations,
And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.
They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
And the government shall be upon his shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.
Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom.
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness,
From henceforth and forever.
Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains!
For the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.

¶ *Then may be sung by all the*

GLORIA PATRI.

¶ *Then may the minister read the*

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *Appropriate passages are Matt. 1 : 18–25; 2 : 1–12; Luke 2 : 1–20; John 1 : 1–18.*

¶ *Then may follow, if desired, the*

SECOND ANTHEM.

¶ *Appropriate anthems are*

"Sing, O heavens." (J. Barnby);
"Hallelujah! for unto us a child is born." (W. H. Monk);
"Sing and rejoice." (V. Novello);
"Cradled all lowly." (C. Gounod).

¶ *Then may the minister offer the*

PRAYER.

¶ *This may be followed by a brief*

ORGAN RESPONSE.

¶ *Then may the Christmas offerings be given in the*

OFFERTORY

¶ *The choir, or the choir and congregation, may sing a suitable anthem, or a solo may be sung while the offerings are being gathered.*

¶ *Then may all the people sing a*

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"O little town of Bethlehem."
"Joy fills our inmost hearts today."
"Angels from the world of glory."
"From the eastern mountains."

¶ *Then may follow the*

SERMON.

¶ *Then may all the people sing a*

HYMN.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."
"Crown him with many crowns."
"As with gladness men of old."
"Rejoice, rejoice, believers."

¶ *Or if convenient the choir and congregation may sing "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."*

¶ *Then let the people be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in*

THE CLOSING PRAYER.

Almighty God, who makest us glad with the remembrance of the birth of thy Son, Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, we may worthily serve him and grow into his likeness day by day; and that receiving his grace we may be welcomed by him at last into his kingdom of glory. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the choir sing*

THE SEVENFOLD AMEN.

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

AN ORDER FOR AN EASTER SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE.

OPENING HYMN.

¶ *This may be a Processional Hymn, if desired.*

¶ *Then may the minister give the*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

¶ *Let the congregation stand and sing.*

¶ *One of the following hymns may be used:*

"Hail the day that sees Him rise."
"The day of resurrection."
"Christ is risen! Alleluia."
"Come ye faithful, raise the strain."

¶ *Then let all the people join in singing*

THE DOXOLOGY.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

¶ *If preferred the choir may sing an Easter anthem instead of the Doxology.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"He is risen." (Henry Gadsby).
"Christ is risen from the dead." (Thomas Smith).
"The Lord is my strength." (V. Novello; W. H. Monk).
"Christ being raised." (W. H. Monk; W. H. Gill).

¶ *Then may the minister offer the*

INVOCATION

Almighty God, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Prince of Life, giving Him victory over death and the grave; grant us power, we beseech Thee, to rise with Him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through the grace of that risen Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end. *Amen.*[1]

¶ *Then let all the people unite in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let all the people join in a Hymn of Easter Joy.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Christ the Lord is risen again."
"Welcome, happy morning."
"On wings of living light."
"Angels, roll the rock away."

¶ *Then may the minister lead the people in the*

RESPONSIVE READING

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his great mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead:

Unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

For we know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God,

A house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Wherefore we faint not; for though our outer man is decaying,

Day by day our inward man is renewed.

For our light affliction, which is but for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

For the things which are seen are temporal,

But the things which are not seen are eternal.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth;

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;

Neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat;

For the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd,
And guide them to fountains of living water;
And God himself shall be with them, and his servants shall serve him,
And they shall see his face:
And his name shall be in their foreheads;
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

¶ *Then shall be sung by all the*

GLORIA PATRI.

¶ *Then may the minister read the*

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

¶ *Appropriate passages are I Cor. 15 : 12–28; I Cor. 15 : 35–58; John 20 : 1–18; Luke 24 : 1–12; Matt. 28 : 1–20; Col. 3 : 1–17; Rev. 21 : 1–7, 21–27.*

¶ *Then may the choir sing an*

EASTER ANTHEM.

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Christ is risen from the dead." (G. J. Elvey; J. Goss; Thomas Smith);
"Christ our Passover." (J. Goss);
"Jesus Christ is risen today." (V. Novello);
"Why seek ye the living among the dead." (E. J. Hopkins).

¶ *Then may the minister lead the people in*

PRAYER.

¶ *This may be followed by a brief*

ORGAN RESPONSE.

¶ *Then may the people give their Easter Offerings in the*

OFFERTORY.

¶ *While the offerings are being gathered there may be sung*

"I know that my Redeemer liveth," from Handel's "Messiah"; or

"Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,"

¶ *Or any other suitable Easter Song.*

¶ *After the reception of the offering let all the people sing a*

HYMN OF EASTER PRAISE.

¶ *One of the following may be used if desired:*

"Christ is risen! Christ is risen!"
"The strife is o'er."
"Jesus Christ is risen today."
"O sons and daughters, let us sing."

¶ *Then may follow the*

SERMON.

¶ *Then let the people sing the*

CLOSING HYMN.

¶ *This may be a Recessional Hymn, if desired.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"I know that my Redeemer lives."
"Jesus lives! thy terrors now."
"Hosanna to the living Lord!"
"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

¶ *Then let the people be seated, with bowed heads, while the minister leads them in the*

CLOSING PRAYER.

Almighty God, by whose power thy Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and became the Life and Light of our undying souls; mercifully grant that we may purify ourselves even as he is pure, and that we may seek ever to do thy holy will. Help us to rise above the earthly to the heavenly; with Christ dying unto sin, and living only unto thee; that from the light of a true life

here we may pass at length into that Presence where there is fullness of joy and peace forever. *Amen.*[1]

BENEDICTION.

Now unto Him who hath brought Life and Immortality to light, and hath made us more than conquerors over fear and death, be glory and honor and power forever.

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the choir sing*

THE SEVENFOLD AMEN.

ORGAN POSTLUDE.

[1] John Hunter.

AN ORDER FOR A MARRIAGE SERVICE

I

¶ *Before the marriage ceremony the minister shall ascertain whether those wishing to be married have fulfilled the requirements of the law of the state, by procuring a license, or otherwise; and he shall assure himself by careful inquiry that no legal or moral impediment exists why they may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony.*

¶ *The persons to be married having presented themselves before the minister, the man standing at the right hand of the woman, the minister shall say:*

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is instituted of God, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and commended by St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God.

Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

¶ *If no impediment to the marriage appear, then the minister shall say to the man,*

M——, wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and

keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The man shall answer*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the minister say to the woman:*

N——, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The woman shall answer*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the minister say:*

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

¶ *Then the minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as follows:*

I, M——, take thee, N——, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Then shall they loose their hands, and the woman with her right hand, taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the minister,*

I, N——, take thee, M——, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day

forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

¶ *Then shall they again loose their hands; and the man shall give unto the woman a ring. And the minister taking the ring shall deliver it to the man to place it upon the third finger of the woman's left hand. And the man, holding the ring there, shall say after the minister,*

With this ring I thee wed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Or this

This ring I give thee, in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

¶ *Then the man shall leave the ring upon the third finger of the woman's left hand, and the minister shall offer prayer using his own words, or if he prefers, the following:*

O eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made (whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge), and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be

done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the minister join their right hands together and say:*

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the minister say unto the company:*

Forasmuch as M—— and N—— have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and have thereto given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring and by joining hands, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the minister may add this*

BENEDICTION

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

A BRIEFER MARRIAGE SERVICE

II

¶ *If the wedding is in a house, and a briefer service is desired, the minister, having ascertained that all the requirements of the law of the state have been fulfilled, may use the following:*

You have presented yourselves here, dear friends, in the sight of God and in the presence of these witnesses, to be joined together in the bonds of holy matrimony. There are no ties on earth so sweet and sacred as those you are about to assume. There are no vows so solemn as those which you are about to make. There is no institution on earth so blest of God, and on which his smile and benediction so rest as that of the Home, which you are about to form.

If it is your deliberate purpose to be united as husband and wife you will please join your right hands.

¶ *Their hands being joined, the minister shall say to the man:*

M——, wilt thou take this woman whom thou dost hold by the hand, choosing her alone from all the world, to be thy wedded wife? Wilt thou love her and comfort her, support and cherish her in sickness and in health, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, remain faithful to her as long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The man shall answer*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the minister say to the woman:*

N——, wilt thou take this man whom thou dost hold by the hand, choosing him alone from all the world, to be thy wedded husband? Wilt thou love him and comfort him, honor and cherish him, in sickness and in health, in sunshine and in storm, and forsaking all others, remain faithful to him as long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The woman shall answer*

I will.

¶ *Then the minister, receiving from the man a ring, shall cause the man to place it upon the third finger of her left hand, and to say after the minister:*

With this ring I thee wed, and pledge thee my love and loyalty, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the minister offer prayer, using his own words, or, if he prefers, the following:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless these two who have thus laid hand in hand to walk together through this journey of life. Abide with them in the home and on the way. May each added year be rich with new delight in their companionship. Help them to be so true to each other and to thee that after their earthly service is completed they may be welcomed by thee into the eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the minister join their right hands together and say:*

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the minister make the announcement saying:*

Forasmuch as M—— and N—— have consented together in holy wedlock, and in the presence of these witnesses have given and plighted their troth, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, henceforth in interest and destiny, as in affection, one; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may the minister add this*

BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

A SERVICE FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

¶ *When the service is held in the house or in the church, the minister may use one or more of these opening sentences:*

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (John 11 : 25, 26.)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. (Job 19 : 25.)

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (1 Tim. 6 : 7. Job. 1 : 21.)

¶ *Then let the minister lead the people in a*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

¶ *Using his own words, or, if he so desires, one of the following, closing with the Lord's Prayer:*

Almighty God, who art our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble, grant us thy light to shine through the shadows of this hour. Comfort the hearts that are heavy with sorrow, and have compassion upon our weakness. Give us the vision of the eternal realities, and solace us with the hope of larger life beyond; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Eternal and most merciful Father, who through thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast brought life and immortality to light, turn our sorrow into joy with the glad assurance of the life eternal. Be thou the stay of those in trial, the strength of the fainting heart, and the light of the darkened home. Grant us thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Most Holy and Most Merciful God, we give thanks unto thee for thine unnumbered mercies. Help us to realize that we are the children of eternal love, and that always underneath us are the everlasting arms. We bless thee for all the holy memories of the past, and all the sacred hopes of the future. We thank thee for the ties that bind us to the unseen world, and for the dear and holy dead who encompass us like a cloud of witnesses, and make heaven homelike to our hearts. Strengthen and comfort us in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let all unite in*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, if desired, an appropriate hymn may be sung.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired*

"One sweetly solemn thought."
"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."
"It is not death to die."
"The sands of time are sinking."
"Forever with the Lord."

¶ *Then may the minister read some of the following passages from the Holy Scriptures:*

WORDS OF COMFORT

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. (2 Cor. 1 : 3, 4.)

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Cor. 4 : 17, 18.)

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8 : 18, 35–39.)

Let not your heart be troubled (said Jesus): ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you: I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. (John 14 : 1–4.)

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14 : 18, 27.)

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. (2 Thess. 2 : 16, 17.)

MORTALITY.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show; surely they are disquieted in vain; he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for: my hope is in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears; for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength; before I go hence, and be no more. (Psalm 39 : 4–13.)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. (Psalm 90.)

THE RESURRECTION.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. And so shall we be ever with the Lord. (1 Thess. 4 : 13, 17.)

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2 Cor. 5:1.)

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that sleep.

For since by man came death, by man also came the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

There are celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial:

But the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars;

For one star differeth from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is

sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption;
It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.
It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.
There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
As is the earthy, such are they also who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.
And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God:
For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory!
O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 15.)

THE LIFE IMMORTAL.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I

heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they that are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Here are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him night and day:

And he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Rev. 21 : 1–4, 22–27; 7 : 14–17.)

FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD.

And Jesus called a little child unto him and set him in the midst, and said, verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones;
For I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them;
And his disciples rebuked those that brought them.
But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them,
Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
Verily I say unto you, whoso shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. (Matt. 18 : 2–5, 10; Mark 10 : 13–16.)

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. (Ps. 103 : 13–18.)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Ps. 23.)

¶ *Then shall the minister offer prayer, in his own words, or using, if he prefers, one of the following:*

Most merciful God, Friend of the helpless, strength of the weak, and comforter of

those who are in distress, look in gracious love and compassion, we beseech thee, upon those whose joy is turned into mourning. May they realize that thou art with them to help them bear the burden of their sorrow. Help them to know that their Heavenly Father is beside them, with tenderhearted sympathy, to comfort them with his presence. Shine through the darkness of grief with the Light of Life. Bring to their minds those precious memories of days that are past that shall give solace and cheer. May the exceeding great and precious promises of thy word, not only for the life that now is, but for that which is to come, support and strengthen them. May we all rejoice in Him who has brought life and immortality to light, and who walks with us through the valley of the shadow of death with the glad assurance that he will welcome us into one of the many mansions of our Father's house. So may we find the peace of God that passeth all understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty Father, whose holy purpose is one of Infinite Love, grant us the spirit of patient resignation in all our trials, believing that thou wilt make all things work together for our good if we truly love thee. Be thou our stay in trial; our consolation in distress. Help us to see that death is not the destruction but the expansion of our life; that it opens the way into larger opportunities of

service, and higher joys; that it cannot separate us from the love of God, but brings us into the home prepared for us. Strengthen us so to live this earthly life that this world shall be but the vestibule of that higher and more beautiful home where thy children dwell in everlasting felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, if desired, an appropriate hymn may be sung.*

¶ *One of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Sunset and evening star."
"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide."
"Hark! hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling."
"The Homeland! O the Homeland!"
"There is a land of pure delight."

¶ *At the funeral of a child one of the following may be used, if desired:*

"Let no tears today be shed."
"I see them in that world of light."
"There is no flock howe'er so well defended."
"Tender shepherd, thou hast stilled."

¶ *When they are come to the grave, while the body of the dead is made ready to be laid therein, the minister may use one or more of the following sentences:*

Man that is born of woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower, he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: He that believeth in me, though he

were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

¶ *Then, when the body has been placed in the grave, the minister shall say,*

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of our *brother* (or, *sister*, or, *this child*), we therefore commit *his* body to the grave: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ, wherein they who sleep in the death of the body shall awake in the life of the spirit according to the mighty working whereby God is able to subdue all things to himself.

Or this:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of *our friend* (or, *this child*), we commit his body to the grave, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope that as *he* has borne the image of the earthly, he shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

The dust returns unto the earth as it was; and the spirit has returned unto God who gave it.

None of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto

the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

¶ *When the body is to be cremated, the words "the elements" may be used instead of "the grave," and "earth to earth" is to be omitted.*

¶ *Then may be said or sung:*

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

¶ *Then the minister shall offer prayer, using his own words, or, if he prefers, one of the following prayers, and shall follow it with the Benediction.*

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, we humbly beseech thee to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that at the Resurrection we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and serve thee, saying, Come, ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world; grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*[1]

Or this:

O God, Thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, the blessed and only Potentate; may we, who cannot see thee with the eye

[1] Common Prayer.

of flesh, behold thee steadfastly with the eye of faith, that we may not faint under the manifold trials and temptations of this mortal life, but endure as seeing thee who art invisible; and grant that having fulfilled thy will upon earth, we may behold thy face in heaven, and be made partakers of those unspeakable joys which thou hast promised to them who love thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for whose sake, we beseech thee to hear us; and unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all glory and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or this:

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: we give thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased thee to deliver them from the sufferings of this world; and we beseech thee that it may please thee of thy gracious goodness to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

[1] Common Prayer.

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Morning Prayers

Morning Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*[1]

Morning Prayer

O God, who dividest the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness. As thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so, we beseech thee, awaken our souls from sin; as thou hast caused the light of day to shine on our bodily eyes, cause the light of thy truth and thy Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts; and so give us grace, as the children of light, to walk in all holy obedience before thy face this day, that in all our thoughts, words, and dealings, we may endeavor to keep faith and a clean conscience toward thee and toward all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

Morning Prayer

Eternal God, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day, there is no light but thine, without or within. As thou liftest the curtains of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and, though all else declines, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of him who, with fewest hours, finished thy divinest work. *Amen.*[3]

Morning Prayer

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this

[1] Mozarabic Sacramentary.

[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[3] John Hunter.

day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

Prayers for Christian Gifts and Graces

For Guidance

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call on thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For Guidance

O God, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance and rested on thy compassion; still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. In our manifold temptations, thou alone knowest, and art ever nigh; in sorrow, thy pity revives the fainting soul; in our prosperity and ease, it is thy spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us low. O thou sole source of peace and righteousness; take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints who have trusted in thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. *Amen.*[3]

For Daily Fidelity

O Thou Almighty Helper and ever-present God, we bring to thee all our needs. O thou Author of all good, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, may thy mercies be our daily song, and may the light of thy countenance in this world of power and beauty move our hearts to great thankfulness and a sweet trust. Day by day thou dost appoint our portion, especially revealing thy glory in the dear Son of thy love, and calling us into his kingdom of service and blessedness. May this be our

[1] Common Prayer.

[2] *Ibid.*

[3] James Martineau.

love of thee in him, that we love one another and keep all his commandments. *Amen.*[1]

For a Blessing on Daily Work

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast given unto us the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come; we beseech thee for thy blessing upon our substance; and that, having food and clothing, we may be therewith content, and may pass our days in peace and quietness. Be with thy servants, who are now going forth unto their work and labor until the evening; and comfort their hearts with a due return for the same. Give thy grace to all who are rich, that with a free heart they may yield unto the laborer his hire, and may be bountiful unto the needy: and do thou deliver the poor from oppression, and give unto them patience and contentment; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For a Blessing upon Our Work

O God, who, by the example of thy dear Son, hast warned us that we should work thy works while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work; keep us from sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our state and calling with such care and diligence that our work may ever be approved in thy sight; and forasmuch as the needful business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart, as unto thee and not unto men, that of thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance which thou hast promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[3]

For Cheerfulness

O most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our cares on thee who carest for us; preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[4]

[1] Rufus Ellis.
[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.
[3] *Ibid.*
[4] William Bright.

For Grace

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that so desiring we may seek and find thee; and so finding thee may love thee; and loving thee may hate those sins from which thou hast redeemed us. *Amen.*[1]

For Grace and Blessing

O God, Light of the hearts that see thee, and Life of the souls that love thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek thee; from whom to be turned away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast forever; grant us now thy grace and blessing as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications; and though we are unworthy to approach thee, or to ask anything of thee at all, be pleased to hear and to answer us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For the Grace of God

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things we are not worthy to ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[3]

Daily Grace for Daily Needs

O God, from whom all good things do come, who sendest sunshine and fruitful seasons, be pleased to bestow upon us day by day what we require; grant to each of us the strength he needs to accomplish his task; bless the work of our hands and of our minds; and give us grace to serve thee in health or in sickness, in wealth or in poverty. Sanctify to us our joys and our trials, and enable us to seek first thy kingdom and thy righteousness, and to believe that thou wilt add to us all else that is good. *Amen.*[4]

Daily Grace for Daily Needs

O God, most holy, wise and powerful Preserver and Governor of all thy creatures and all their actions; keep us this day in health of body and soundness of mind, in purity of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, in contentment

[1] Anselm.
[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.
[3] Common Prayer.
[4] Scotch Book of Common Order.

with our lot and charity with our neighbor; and further all our lawful undertakings with thy blessing. In our labor, strengthen us; in our pleasure, purify us; in our difficulties, direct us; in our perils, defend us; in our troubles, comfort us; and supply all our need according to the riches of thy grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For a Right Spirit

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For a Right Spirit

Breathe into our souls, O heavenly Father, the love of whatsoever is true and beautiful and good. May we fear to be unfaithful and have no other fear. Forgive us all our sins, and keep us from sinning again. Help us to remember that we are thy children and belong to Thee. Enable us to love others as Thou hast loved us. Make us generous and kind to all, faithful in duty, truthful in speech and sweet in temper. Enlighten our minds that we may know Thee; inspire our hearts that we may love Thee; and guide our wills that we may serve Thee forever. *Amen.*[3]

For Right Living

O Lord, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[4]

For the Spirit of Wisdom

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly, grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see

[1] Book of Common Worship, by permission of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[3] Lyman Abbott.

[4] Gelasian Sacramentary, A.D. 494.

light and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Confident Trust

O Lord God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to thee with the power of thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what thou hast given us to do, help us, O God our Saviour, to leave the issue to thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to thee in heaven, and make us to know that all things are possible to us through thy Son our Redeemer. *Amen.*[2]

For Steadfast Faith

Almighty God, the refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us that, in all trouble of this our mortal life, we may flee to the knowledge of thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake the peace of God that is within us. Whatsoever this life may bring us, grant that it may never take from us the full faith that thou art our Father. Grant us thy light, that we may have life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[3]

For Patience

Almighty and everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who givest power to the faint, and strength to them that have no might, look mercifully, we beseech thee, on our low estate, and cause thy grace to triumph in our weakness, that with courage and confidence we may arise and follow in the way of righteousness those who by their faith and patience already inherit the promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[4]

For Patience

O God of all patience, whose dealings with thy children reveal a boundless and unwearied patience, like the patience of the earth waiting for the springtime, teach us

[1] Common Prayer.

[2] Bishop Westcott.

[3] George Dawson.

[4] Scotch Book of Common Order.

more of thy patience. Help us to be patient with ourselves and with each other; patient with the slow progress of thy kingdom, that with steadfast hearts, invincible good-will and good hope, we may fashion ourselves in the likeness of our Master and ever give ourselves to the service of thee and of our fellow men. *Amen.*

For Divine Help

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee; mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Divine Help

O God, who art the Guide and Shepherd of all faithful souls, consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go, and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above selfishness and distrust unto faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance upon thy holy will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that we may be at one with thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Vision and Strength

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed, give unto thy servants the peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[3]

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[2] Gregorian Sacramentary, A. D. 590.

[3] Common Prayer.

For Brotherly Love

O God, who of thy great love to this world didst reconcile earth to heaven through thine only begotten Son: grant that we, who, by the darkness of our sins, are turned aside from brotherly love, may by thy light shed forth in our souls be filled with thine own sweetness, and embrace our friends in thee and our enemies for thy sake, in a bond of mutual affection. *Amen.*[1]

For the Spirit of Helpfulness

O God, our Father, who through thy Son hast bidden us give to everyone who thirsts the cup of cold water, grant us grace to minister in sympathy to the physical needs of others, and also, as we have opportunity to give to them that living water which springeth up into everlasting life. *Amen.*

For Charity

O Creator and Preserver of mankind, whose will is that not one of thy children should perish, but that all should have eternal life; we beseech thee for increase of the heavenly gift of charity: that we may account nothing common or unclean which thou hast made, nor despise those who through ignorance and temptation have wandered into sin; nor hate those who, following the evil of their own hearts, have wrought wickedness in the earth; but help us rather to imitate the example of thy Son, in patience toward the infirmities of mankind, and hope for the redemption of those who are furthest off from thee; seeking ever to overcome hatred with love and evil with good; that others may see our good works, and glorify with us our Father in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Charity

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing, send thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For Harmony and Concord

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are gov-

[1] Mozarabic Sacramentary.
[2] Common Prayer.

erned, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace and of all concord, grant us, we beseech thee, thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

Prayers for the Home

For Home

O God our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the home into which each of us came when he entered this world of mystery and wonder, shrined in hallowed affections and memories, where duty was made sacred and love nurtured and where we learned to call thee Father. Hallow, we pray thee, all homes with thy gracious presence and divine peace and love. May there be in them true concord, loving sacrifice and unfailing loyalty. Be with all who are homeless and may each find a place in the larger household of God who is our true Home, now and evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mothers

Father of Life, fold in the everlasting arms of thy love the mothers of the race. As they struggle up the steps of motherhood, through its travail of mind, body and soul, give them thy guiding wisdom and thine empowering grace. Grant them the compensation of a love returned and understood, and the satisfaction of knowing that they have lifted those entrusted to their care into helpful harmony with thy kingdom. Grant the ever-steadying power of thy support through the daily discouragements, the readjustment of ideals, and the anguish of bereavement that come into all mothers' lives. Increase, we pray, their cheerful steadfastness, their unselfish strength; and, at the close of their day, may they enter into rest with faith undimmed and unafraid. We ask through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Children

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst send into the world thy well-beloved Son, our Saviour, as a little child, and who dost love all children as thine own; pour out thy blessing upon the children of our homes, of our

[1] Lutheran Service.

church, and of the whole world. Make thy light to shine in their hearts more and more, that they may see thee as their loving Friend and their glorious King, and may follow Jesus Christ as their Master and Redeemer. Deliver them from ignorance and sin. Help them to overcome every temptation through thy grace. Fill them with the Spirit of Christ that they may be pure and unselfish, and loyal to thee; and bring them at last into the glory of the eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Children

O Thou, who through thy Son didst call the little children unto thyself, bestow thy blessing and favor upon all children. Draw them to thyself that they may be kept from all sin and wrong. Make them obedient, happy, brave and good, and evermore reveal to them the hidden things of thy wisdom and thy love. Give unto us all the childlike heart, that we may be meet for thy kingdom here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Friends and Kindred

Almighty God, whose goodness loved us into life, and whose mercies never fail; we commend to thee all who have a place in our hearts and sympathies; all who are joined to us by the sacred ties of kindred, friendship, and love; all little children who are dear to us; all who help us to a faithful life and whose spirit turns our duties into love; keep them both outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, and pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

A Prayer of Memorial

Eternal God, Lord of every world, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead; we bless and praise thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear to us, the friends of our youth and later years, and little children whose angels behold thy face in heaven. And we beseech thee to give us grace so to follow their good example, that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit; and that finally when we too are called hence, we may be gathered together with them in the everlasting light and peace. *Amen.*[1]

[1] John Hunter.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

For Countless Blessings

O God, Giver of all good, and Fountain of all mercies, in whom are all the springs of our life; all glory, thanks and praise be unto thee for thine unfailing goodness; for thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; for thy mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number. We thank thee for seedtime and harvest, and summer and winter, and nights and days throughout the year; for food, and clothing, and shelter; for health and reason; for childhood and age, youth and manhood; for thy fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death; for friends, kindred, and benefactors; for home and country; for thy church and for thy gospel.

Yea, Lord, because there is nothing for which we may not bless and thank thee, therefore do we pay our vows now in the presence of all thy people, humbly beseeching thee to accept this our service, which we offer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Abundant Mercies

O God, thou art our Father, forever and forever. We magnify thee, we praise thee, we worship thee; we give thanks unto thee for thy good providence, for all the blessings of the present life, and all the hopes of a better life to come. We thank thee for our preservation, and the bountiful supply of our returning wants; for health of body and soundness of mind; for strength and skill to labor in our several callings, and for that portion of earthly good thou hast bestowed upon us. We thank thee for loving parents, for faithful pastors and teachers, for benefactors never to be forgotten, for kind friends, for all who have helped us upward in our heavenly way.

Above all, we praise and bless thee for thy Son our Saviour, for thy Spirit our sanctifier, for the example of saints and martyrs, and for the hope of glory. Let the memory of thy goodness fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness until life's end; and let our thanksgivings go up with acceptance before thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[2] Ibid.

For the Harvest-tide

Most gracious God, by whose appointment the seasons come and go, and who makest the fruits of the earth to minister to the needs of men, we offer thee our thanksgivings that thou hast brought us through the circuit of another year, and that according to thy promise, seedtime and harvest have not failed. We thank thee that thou hast prospered the husbandman in his toil, and hast crowned the year with thy goodness. We praise thee, the giver of all good gifts, for the plentiful harvests to feed the hungry and minister to our comfort. At the remembrance of thy bounty we offer unto thee the sacrifices of our thanksgiving, and pray that thou wilt feed our souls with the Bread of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

For Forgiveness

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion on all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made: who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort all who are grieved and wearied with the burden of their sins; enable us to overcome our temptations, and henceforth to live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Protection

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Those in Trouble

Be merciful, O God, unto all who need thy mercy, and let the angel of thy presence save the afflicted; be thou the Strength of the weary, the Comfort of the sorrowful, the Friend of the desolate, the Light of the wandering, the Hope of the dying, the Saviour of the lost, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

For Times of Trouble

Almighty God, Lord of the storm and of the calm, the vexed sea and the quiet haven, of day and night, of life and of death, grant unto us so to have our hearts stayed upon thy faithfulness, thine unchangingness and love, that whatsoever betide us, however black the cloud or dark the night, with quiet faith trusting in thee, we may look upon thee with untroubled eye, and walking in lowliness towards thee, and in lovingness toward one another, abide all storms and troubles of this mortal life, beseeching thee that they may turn to the soul's true good; we ask it for thy mercy's sake, shown in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Those in Sickness

Heavenly Father, who art touched with every feeling of our infirmities, and dost minister to every need, grant thy blessing to those whose strength is turned into weakness because illness has overtaken them. Help them to be conscious of thy presence with them. May they feel that underneath are the Everlasting arms, and may they rest patiently and hopefully in thy love. Renew their vigor, restore their strength, and bring them back to their accustomed duties. And cheer them with the thought that in that realm of the spirit toward which we journey there shall be no more sickness nor pain, but everlasting and abundant life. *Amen.*

For Those in Sorrow

O Father of infinite Compassion, God of all Comfort, reveal thyself to those who have been brought into the darkness of sorrow as the Light of Life. Strengthen the hearts that faint under the heavy burden, and support them in the arms of thine infinite love. May they know that in all their distress thou dost care for them with unfailing tenderness. May they remember the sympathizing Saviour, who was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, yet who was able to say in his sorest trial, Father, not my will but thine be done. Help them to bear with patience their affliction, and bring them at last to that heavenly home where God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Pardon of our Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who,

[1] George Dawson.

with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

A Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and may hold the truth in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

Prayers for National and Civic Needs

A Prayer for the President and Civil Authorities

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant, the President of these United States, and all who make or execute our laws; and so replenish them with the graces of thy Holy Spirit that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endow them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[3]

A Prayer for Our Country

O God, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth; remember the whole creation, pity our race, and save the world from sin. Protect our land from whatever threatens

[1] Common Prayer.
[2] *Ibid.*
[3] *Ibid.*

her welfare, so that religion and virtue may flourish more and more. Give the spirit of wisdom and godly fear to thy servant the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us. Give humility to the rich, and grace to use their riches to thy glory: bless the people in their callings and families, and be thou a refuge to the poor in their distress. Make every home a shelter from temptation and a nursery of noble youth; take also the homeless beneath thy protection. Cleanse and sanctify the church which thou hast loved, and reveal the spirit of thy Son through the life and service of thy people. Enlighten all who are perplexed in faith, support those who are tempted, awaken those who sleep, comfort the afflicted, and encourage such as are ready to faint. Encompass with thy favor all whose lives thou hast bound up with our own, and, if there be any who do us wrong, remove all bitterness from our hearts while we pray for thy blessing upon them. Give peace, O Lord, in our time, and unite all hearts in the love of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For a Neighborly Spirit

O God most merciful, teach us to be considerate, just and true in all relations with our neighbors. Bring our hearts in willing obedience under thy law of fellow-service and good-will. Guard our thoughts and acts, lest we have part in the oppression of the poor or in refusal of justice to those who have had lesser opportunities than ours. May the uplift of all the people be our innermost desire. Make us good workmen, good neighbors, seeking gain for others as well as for ourselves, patient under trials, rejoicing in the promise of thy kingdom and seeking its fulfilment in the brotherhood of men. Deliver our nation from envy, coveting and hatred, and help us to use all thou hast given us for the good of all. In the name of Christ our Brother. *Amen.*[2]

A Prayer for Congress

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee to bless this great Republic in which we live, and especially the Senate and Representatives in Congress: that thou wouldst direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the

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[2] Isaac Ogden Rankin.

safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations; this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Strangers in our Land

God of our fathers, who didst lead thine ancient people through desert wanderings into the promised land, and who didst guide our Pilgrim sires across the stormy seas to lay here the foundations of this great republic, we implore thy blessing upon those who have lately come from other lands to make their home in this country. Amid strange faces and unaccustomed scenes may they feel that thou art with them. In their loneliness and homesickness may they realize that the Everlasting Friend is beside them, upon whom they may cast all the burden of care and anxiety. Help those about them to give them sympathy and good cheer in the spirit of Christ. May they prosper in this land of freedom and justice and opportunity, and become loyal and devoted citizens of this country of their adoption. May they be faithful followers of Christ, that they may be also fellow citizens with the saints in that liberty wherewith Christ maketh his people free. *Amen.*

For International Friendship

Almighty God, in whose hand are all the nations of the earth, grant to them all thy guidance and help that they may seek prosperity in promoting the welfare of their people and of all mankind. Grant to all peoples and races that they may feel their kinship with each other since all men are alike the children of the same eternal Father. Restrain them from jealousy, hatred or selfish ambition. Awaken in them the spirit of justice, fraternity and concord. Unite them by the bonds of international friendship, that they may work together for the betterment of the whole world. Make wars to cease, and hasten the day when there shall be everywhere peace on earth, and good will among men; this we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

For the Brotherhood of Man

O Father of infinite love, who hast compassion on all

[1] Common Prayer.

men because they are the offspring of thy Spirit, made in thine image, grant thy rich blessing upon all thy children in every land. Help them to realize thy living presence and fill them with the spirit of loyalty and love to thee. As they have the same heavenly Father, the same Saviour and Master, and are beckoned to the same heavenly home, may they live together in sympathy and helpfulness. In warm fraternity may each seek the welfare and happiness of all. Make the whole world one great family, filled with the spirit of loving service. Bind all races and peoples together in cordial sympathy, and grant that throughout the wide world the brotherhood of man may be fully realized in the coming of thy kingdom. *Amen.*

For Deliverance from National Sins

Lord God Almighty, defend our land, we beseech thee, from the secret power and the open shame of great national sins. From all dishonesty and civic corruption; from all vainglory and selfish luxury; from all cruelty and the spirit of violence; from covetousness, which is idolatry; from impurity, which defiles the temple of the Holy Spirit; and from intemperance which is the mother of many crimes and sorrows; good Lord, deliver and save us and our children, and our children's children, in the land which thou hast blessed with the light of pure religion; through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and King. *Amen.*[1]

For Social Justice

O Thou who art Love, and who seest all the suffering, injustice and misery which reign in this world, have pity, we implore Thee, on the work of thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavily laden with error, labor and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of justice and truth. *Amen.*[2]

For Toilers

Almighty God, who dost work without ceasing, and who didst sanctify toil by the labor of thy Son as a carpenter, we implore thy blessing upon all toilers on land or sea. Give them the spirit of fidelity, of patience, and of steadfast purpose. Defend them in any hour of danger. May the fulfillment of their tasks strengthen in them noble char-

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[2] Eugene Bersier.

acter and devotion to the common welfare. May all employers deal justly and fraternally with all who work for them, that the workers may receive a fair reward. May every unrighteous law and custom, which might deprive the toilers of their just recompense, be removed. Let not avarice nor organized selfishness imperil the public weal. May the spirit of brotherhood direct all our business and the ideals of Christ be so faithfully followed, that we shall have upon earth the promised kingdom of Heaven. *Amen.*

For a Time of War

O Lord God of Hosts, grant to those who have gone forth to fight our battles by land or sea, protection in danger, patience in suffering, and moderation in victory. Look with compassion on the sick, the wounded, and the captives; sanctify to them their trials, and turn their hearts unto thee. For thy dear Son's sake, O Lord, pardon and receive the dying; have mercy upon the widow and fatherless, and comfort all who mourn. O gracious Father, who makest wars to cease in all the world, restore to us, thy people, speedily the blessing of peace, and grant that our present troubles may be overruled to thy glory, in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the union of all nations in thy faith, fear and love. Hear, O Lord, and answer us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

Prayers for the Church

A Prayer for the Church

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; we pray thee to inspire the Church Universal with the spirit of truth, unity and concord. And grant that all who confess thy holy name may abide in the truth, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Christian ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and living Word. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of

[1] E. Hawkins.

their life. And we beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

A Prayer for all Christian Workers

Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all those who are devoted to serve Thee in works of charity, in the training of the young and reclaiming the fallen, — those who visit the sick, minister to the poor, instruct the ignorant, and lead back to the Father's House them that are astray. Accept their labors, and grant that while they sympathize with others in their necessity, they may bring them to share the joy of the Divine life wherein they live, may comfort the sorrowful with the consolation wherewith they are comforted of God, and may with them attain to that spiritual perfection which they desire: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[2]

For Christian Unity

O Lord and Father of us all, who didst send thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, grant thy blessing to all the followers of Christ of every name and creed. May they rejoice in the privilege of being fellow workers with him and with each other that the darkness of the world may be driven out by the Light of life. Deliver them from prejudice, from arrogance, and from contention. Bring them into close cooperation and harmony, that all their forces may be united for the common cause. Kindle in their hearts an increasing love for all Christians, and a new desire to join with all sincere disciples of the Master in making his gospel triumphant in all the earth. Grant that all the churches of Christ may seek a true Christian unity, that the Captain of our salvation may lead his united hosts to victory in a world redeemed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Communion of Saints

O God, the Father everlasting, whom the glorious hosts of heaven obey, and in whose presence patriarchs, prophets,

[1] Common Prayer.
[2] John Hunter.

apostles, martyrs, with all the spirits of the just made perfect, continually do live; fix the eye of our faith, we beseech Thee, with clear and full vision, on the great cloud of witnesses wherewith we are thus compassed about, that laying aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and obtain at last the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

Prayers for the Kingdom of God

For Missions and Missionaries

Eternal Father, who art loving unto every man, and hast given thy Son to be the Saviour of the world; grant that the pure light of his gospel may overcome the darkness of idolatry in every land, and that all thy lost children, dwelling in far countries, may be brought home to thee. Revive the spirit of missions in thy church, that all thy people may earnestly desire the conversion of mankind; and so quicken our hearts that there may be a larger outpouring of prayer and gifts and personal service, to advance the worldwide triumph of thy kingdom. Protect the messengers of the gospel amid all perils; guide them through all perplexities; give them wisdom, strength and courage, to make known by word and life the grace of our Lord Jesus; prosper all that they do in his blessed name, to serve the bodies and the souls of men; and hasten, we beseech thee, the promised day, when at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that he is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*[2]

For the Kingdom of God

O God, we thank Thee that even when the world is rent with strife and confusion, and when we are compassed with darkness and dismay, we may look up and see the signs of the coming of the Son of Man, in whom righteousness is to win its final victory and peace its untroubled reign. Help us to perceive more and more clearly that in every manifestation of the consequences of evil as well as in every faithful deed and work, and in every advance of social justice and human uplift He draws nearer whose Kingdom has no end. *Amen.*

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[2] Book of Common Worship, by permission of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

For the Kingdom of God

Father in heaven, whose purpose for mankind is one of infinite love, we praise thee for thy promise of that coming time when the knowledge of God shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. We thank thee that Christ came saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand, and that he has sent forth his church to make earth a heaven by filling all human life with the spirit and ideals of our Master. Grant that thy living presence in the church may empower it for this great task. Purify it, that there may be in its thought no alloy of falsehood, in its heart no poison of selfishness. Help it to grapple courageously with giant wrongs which have long cursed humanity. Drive out injustice from the world, and fill it with brotherly kindness. Pour into all hearts sympathy for the suffering, and transform our social order by the law of love. May the dark places of the earth be illumined by the light of Christ till all shadows vanish. And may the time be hastened when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. *Amen.*

Prayers for Special Occasions

For Schools

O Father of Lights and Fountain of all knowledge, bless, we beseech thee, all schools, universities and places of learning, and grant that the light of truth may shine with growing brightness on all men, so that wisdom and knowledge may be the stability of our times. Shine into our minds with the knowledge of thyself, and incline our hearts to understanding. Grant to us that we may love the laws of thy kingdom, and rejoice in the works which thou hast made, that in thy light we may see light, and in thy service find perfect freedom. *Amen.*[1]

For Travelers

O thou who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are far off upon the sea, we commend to thine Almighty protection all travelers by sea and land; overshadow them with thy mercy, and surround them with thy love. When they cry unto thee in distress, do thou mercifully send them help and deliverance. Go with them on their journey, and grant to those who are far

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

from their homes that they may revisit them, in thy good time, in peace. *Amen.*[1]

For a Service at Sea

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from thy presence we cannot escape, and to thee our every movement and way is known. Thou art with us in our peaceful homes and on the pathless seas. May we see thee in all things, and all things in thee. May we feel that the winds are thy messengers, and that thou rulest the raging of the sea. Always stronger than our fears may our trust be. Show us thy wonders in the deep, make us sensible of thy power and goodness, and stay our minds on thee. To thy gracious protection we commend our dear ones at home. And may we be brought back in due time, in comfort and safety, to bless thy name and confess thy merciful and faithful care. *Amen.*[2]

A Flower Service

Eternal Goodness! who givest loveliness to the earth and gladness to the heart, we worship thee. We praise thee for the wonderful life of summer; for the beauty spread upon the hills, and for the flowers that fill the valleys with sweetness. This morning, while the light and music and fragrance that fill the air call us to rejoice, grant that our minds and souls may be open to all heavenly influences. O Life that breathest in all the sweet and fair things which grow and bloom upon the earth, wilt thou not quicken us? Spirit of beauty and goodness! come and dwell with us that henceforth our lives may be in accord with thine order, and be well pleasing in thy sight. *Amen.*[3]

Christmas

Almighty God, whom once the nations worshipped under names of fear, but who hast revealed the glory of thy love in the face of Jesus Christ, and called us by him to live with thee as children; fill our hearts, as we remember his nativity, with the gladness of this great redemption. We would join in the heavenly song of Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good-will toward men. Breathe into our hearts the spirit of Jesus that we may be led to thee in trust and obedience, and be sent out to live

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[2] John Hunter.

[3] *Ibid.*

among men in brotherly love and sympathy. Every year, as this joyful festival comes round, may it find the world more and more in harmony with thy will which has been made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

At the Beginning of the Year

Almighty and eternal God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day; we bring thee thanks and praise for thy blessings, more than we can number, with which thou has crowned our lives during the year now past; and, since thy mercies are ever new, let the year which has now begun be to us a year of grace and salvation. Have pity upon us in our misery, whose days are as the grass; deliver us from the vanity of our fallen nature, and establish us in the fellowship of that life which is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. Graciously protect and conduct us through the uncertainties of this new year of our earthly pilgrimage; prepare us for its duties and trials, its joys and sorrows; help us to watch and pray, and to be always ready like men that wait for their Lord; and grant that every change, whether it be of prosperity or adversity, of life or death, may bring us nearer to thee, and to that great eternal joy and rest, which after the years of this vain earthly life, await the faithful in thy blissful presence; when we shall unite with angels and saints in ascribing blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, unto Him who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*[2]

Palm Sunday

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day didst enter the rebellious city where thou wast to die; enter into our hearts, we beseech thee, and subdue them wholly to thyself. And as thy faithful disciples blessed thy coming, and spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, may we be ready to lay at thy feet all that we have and are, and to bless thee, O thou who comest in the name of the Lord. And grant that after having confessed and worshipped thee upon the earth, we may be among the number of those who shall hail thine eternal triumphs, and bear in their hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before thee, and

[1] John Hunter.

[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.

every tongue confess that thou art Lord, and that thou shalt reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*[1]

Palm Sunday

Almighty God, Fountain of Strength, send us thy help. Help us to cast out of the temple of our hearts everything which in our moments of clear and solemn vision we know ought not to be there; every temper and passion and desire that cannot bear the searching scrutiny of Divine purity and love. O God, our peace, dwell in us more and more. Dwell in our minds as Truth, in our hearts as Charity, in our wills as Strength, and nevermore leave thy temple. *Amen.*[2]

Good Friday

Almighty God, who in the life and teaching of thy Son hast showed unto us the true way of blessedness, thou hast also showed us in his sufferings and death that the path of duty may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Give us grace to learn these harder lessons. May we take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship with him in his sorrow that we may know the secret of his strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the shining of the eternal light. *Amen.*[3]

The Resurrection of the Lord

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst raise up thy Son from the dead and give him glory, that our faith and hope might be in thee; quicken us also, we beseech thee, by thy mighty power, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and cause us to set our affections on things above; so that we may, at the last day, have part in the resurrection of the just, and in the glory of thy heavenly kingdom, whither Jesus the Forerunner is for us entered, where also he liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, God blessed for ever. *Amen.*[4]

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

[2] John Hunter.

[3] *Ibid.*

[4] Scotch Book of Common Order.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the house of his continual presence and power among men; mercifully grant us, we beseech thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh, and sanctify our souls; to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*[1]

For Forefather's Day

A Thanksgiving for the Pilgrim Fathers

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, God of our fathers and our God, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks for thy servants who came across wintry seas at peril of life and fortune to establish upon these shores an emancipated church and a godly commonwealth.

We thank thee for their courage and perseverance, their fidelity to truth and justice, their devotion to the purity of the Church of Christ and the coming of the Kingdom of God. And we pray that we who have entered into the heritage of their heroism and self-sacrifice may so honor their memory and so preserve and further their high purposes that the church and nation which they founded may stand in all coming years for truth and righteousness and peace, and may ever seek the formation of that kingdom for which they lived and died; through Jesus Christ their Lord and ours. *Amen.*

For Independence Day

Almighty God, whose gracious Providence was manifest in the establishment and development of our Republic, grant us thy blessing as today we celebrate the anniversary of its birth. We thank thee for the courage and vision of the heroic men who dared to set aside the traditions of the past, and who boldly created here a free and independent nation which has been a beacon of liberty to all the world. We thank thee for thy guidance in the expanding life of the nation, so that thy leadership in our affairs is as clearly seen as when the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night went before thy people of old. We thank thee

[1] Scotch Book of Common Order.

that in every great national crisis, in peace and in war, thou hast delivered us from threatening perils and hast given us increasing strength for the service of humanity. Graciously guard, we beseech thee, the Republic toward which thou hast shown thy loving favor. Bless our President and all other public servants, that they may wisely lead the nation in its progress toward still better things. Bless the people that we may be free from all that can narrow or cripple our lives, that we may be delivered from greed and lawlessness, and may lift high the ideals of justice, liberty and brotherhood. Bring all the varied elements of our nation into close accord by the spirit of mutual sympathy and service. Make this land which we love an increasing blessing to all within its borders and to the whole world. *Amen.*

For Memorial Day

Lord God of Hosts, in whom our fathers trusted and found their faith rewarded by thy gracious care, bless us today as we commemorate their valor and their sacrifice. We thank thee for the brave men who in the time of conflict were ready to lay down their lives if need be in the cause of liberty and righteousness. We thank thee for what they did and suffered on our behalf, in unflinching loyalty to this union of free states, in order that popular self-government might not perish from the earth. Unite all the people of this great nation in a holy purpose to defend the principles of freedom and brotherhood for which they lived and died. Help us to emulate the loyalty of these heroic men. And may the nation, which they helped to establish on an enduring foundation, be ever true to the great ideals of the founders, and gain increasing prosperity as it offers to all beneath its flag justice and equal rights. Purge the land from its evils, and fill it with the spirit of Christ. Make it a mighty factor in changing the whole world into a kingdom of heaven; and we will praise thee evermore. *Amen.*

Evening Prayers

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Sustain us through all the long day of this mortal life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and life's fever is over, and our work is done. Then, O Lord, grant us a safe lodging a

holy rest, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer

O God, who faintest not, neither art weary, whose everlasting work is still fresh as thy creative thought; we bless thee for the pity of night and sleep, giving us the rest thou neverneedest. We would lie down each evening in peace and thankfulness, and commit the folded hours to thee. But O Lord, through toil and repose, save us from any fatal slumber of the spirit; and keep us through life to the holy vigils of love and service, as they that watch for the morning of eternity. *Amen.*[1]

Evening Prayer

O God, who hast given the day to man for labor, and the night for rest, protect us by thy watchful providence during the coming night, and all the nights and days of our pilgimage. Cover all our sins with thy mercy, as thou coverest the earth with darkness during the night. And when our days are ended, and our work is finished in this world, may we depart hence in the blessed assurance of thy favor, and in the certain hope of the resurrection to immortal life, which thou hast given us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*[2]

Evening Prayer

O God, with whom there is no darkness, but the night shineth as the day, keep and defend us, and all thy people, in soul and body, during the coming night. May we rest in the consciousness of thy favor; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of thy providence; in the love of thy Spirit.

May we rise up again to diligence in our several callings, to work the work of God while the day lasts, seeing the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ. *Amen.*[3]

Evening Prayer

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*[4]

[1] John Hunter.
[2] Scotch Book of Common Order.
[3] *Ibid.*
[4] Common Prayer.

ASCRIPTIONS OF PRAISE

1

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

2

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

3

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

4

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see: to Him be honor and power everlasting. *Amen.*

5

Now unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

6

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

7

Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy. *Amen.*

8

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. *Amen.*

9

Blessing, and honor, and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. *Amen.*

BENEDICTIONS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

May the God of all grace, who hath called you unto himself in Christ, perfect, establish, strengthen you, and to him be the glory for ever. *Amen.*

May the peace of God rule in your hearts; and the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. *Amen.*

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

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